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CEC certifies election results

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The Commonwealth Election Commission tabulation committee completed last night its counting of 1,571 absentee ballots and certified the results of this year's general election.

Rota senator Paul A. Manglona (Ind) obtained 279 absentee ballots—for a total of 651 votes—to clinch the victory while his closest competitor, Rota Municipal Council

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help Rota senator Paul Manglona's victory

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chair George Ogo Hocog (GOP), got only 100, for a total of just 478 votes. Thomas Lee Atalig Manglona (Dem) received a total of 384 votes.

At the Nov. 8 tabulation, Hocog

edged Paul Manglona with just six votes, 378-372.

Aside from the Rota upset, the absentee ballots generally did not

affect the results of the earlier tabulation, showing the CNMI Republican Party candidates' domination of this year's election.

In an interview after the tabulation last night, CEC chair Frances M. Sa-

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ANNUAL TRADITION

A man'amko waves to the *Saipan Tribune* after her group received a bag of fruits as a donation from Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan at the Office on Aging yesterday. This has become an annual thing for Sablan, who makes a donation to the man'amko ever Thanksgiving.

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Zenie Mafnas is new regent

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Acting CNMI governor Victor Hocog appointed yesterday Zenie Mafnas as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regent.

Mafnas, who is also the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. deputy corporate director, accepted the offer yesterday afternoon. Mafnas is now only waiting for the Senate to confirm her to finalize her appointment to the NMC board.

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Manglona recuses self from *Luta* lawsuit

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has recused herself from presiding over Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto's lawsuit against Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog and the owner of cargo ship M/V *Luta*.

On Monday, Manglona disquali-

fied herself from Yamamoto's lawsuit and several others who have intervened in Yamamoto's civil action against Hocog and the vessel's operators.

Manglona did not explain her recusal, aside from citing 28 U.S.C. Section 455(a). That law states that "any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify

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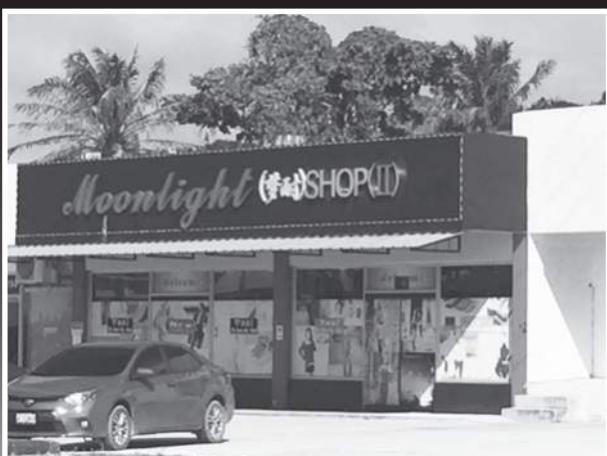
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Local

CUC not in position to settle former employee's lawsuit

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is currently not in a position to settle the lawsuit filed against it by a terminated CUC employee, Zaji O. Zajradhara, who claims he was subjected to a hostile workplace, including some employees calling him by a slur.

CUC legal counsel James S. Sirok and Zajradhara's counsel, Monica M. Smith, have agreed to request the U.S. District Court for the NMI to give them more time and continue this matter until October 2017.

Sirok and Smith requested the court to remove the case from the court's settlement docket.

A settlement conference in this case is set on Dec. 6, 2016.

The lawyers said they have informally discussed settlement.

The lawyers said despite their best efforts, the parties have not been able to adequately prepare for a settlement conference or trial.

Sirok and Smith said the

parties agree that more time is needed to prepare for settlement negotiations, and if necessary, a trial.

The parties disclosed that Smith was sick in February 2016. As a result, their ability to adequately prepare was compromised.

Zajradhara originally filed his lawsuit in 2015 against CUC, its then-executive director Allan Fletcher, and 10 unnamed co-defendants for whistleblower/wrongful termination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

He said CUC initially hired him as a trade technician/operator in 2012, but he was moved into various positions.

He said CUC terminated him in October 2014 on the pretext that he had been caught in possession of illegal drugs.

CUC is the remaining defendant in this case. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Salvation Army to host Thanksgiving meal

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The Salvation Army in the Commonwealth is busy preparing for its largest Thanksgiving yet, with the upcoming event scheduled this Thursday. Serving time is expected to be at noon and should last up to 3pm and anyone can come in to get a free meal.

The Salvation Army generally serves around 300 meals annually but Pastor Wayne Gillespie explained that there are a lot more people in financial need these days through-

2 Kagman clinic officials cite new healthcare model

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The medical director of the Kagman Community Health Center, Dr. Katherine Elstun, talked about the financial and health benefits of the new model program in use at the clinic in a speech to members of the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday.

"We see that our limit on health resources on island are really strained at times, with people not knowing our center is at Kagman or our work hours, so we're trying to do a lot of community outreach to help with that. That way, we alleviate some pressure off of CHCC [Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.]," Elstun said.

Kagman center executive director Vince Castro introduced Elstun to Rotary members. Elstun talked about the center's new model for healthcare called the Patient

out the islands due to Typhoon Soudelor that hit Saipan not too long ago.

"We're preparing to serve 500 meals on Thanksgiving Day so please come out," Gillespie said. "We do things a bit differently here based on the culture on the island. It's something the Salvation Army is still trying to adapt to. We used to set up tents out in front of our soup kitchen, but we noticed that people wanted to get the food and leave; they don't really want to stick around. So this year we will have an overhang, for people who wish to

stay and fellowship with us but most of the food will be available as take out."

The Thanksgiving meals will take place on two locations on island. One will be at their soup kitchen in Gualo Rai, at the corner of Middle Road and Gualo Rai Road. The second location will be at their outreach in Kagman.

Tydingco-Gatewood will preside in trader's lawsuit

District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood will preside over the racketeering lawsuit filed by a Korean businessman and his former company against a former lawmaker and several others.

Tydingco-Gatewood will handle the lawsuit filed by Il Hwan Kim and KSA Corp. after U.S. District Court for

the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recused herself from the case.

Manglona disqualified herself from Kim's lawsuit. She did not elaborate the reason for her recusal.

Section 455(a) of 28 U.S.C. states that "any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in

which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

Attorney Pamela Brown-Blackburn is counsel for Kim and KSA Corp. Manglona pre-

viously recused herself from presiding over cases handled by Brown-Blackburn.

Brown-Blackburn is counsel for a party that has a pending civil action in the Superior Court. CNMI Supreme Court

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blan disclosed that they may have to do a recount for two races: precincts 3 and 6.

"We are preparing ourselves because the race is close in terms of the number of votes," Sablan said.

Because of the close race, Sablan said, the commission expects the candidates to exercise their right to demand a recount by going to the Superior Court to litigate.

Sablan said it's a relief that the counting of ballots is over. "I'm glad that we started since yesterday in processing the absentees. Because we know that it's a painstaking process to open the envelopes and compare the signatures and all of that," she said.

According to the CEC certified election results, U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who ran unopposed for a fifth term, obtained 1,188 absentee votes and received a total of 10,605 votes.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho got tremendous support from absentee voters with 1,062 "yes" votes and only 245 "no" votes for his retention on the bench. In total the judge received 9,227 "yes" votes and 2,588 "no" votes.

For the Saipan senatorial district, Sen. Sixto Kaitpat Igisomar (GOP) got 267 absentee votes while his lone opponent, former senator Ray Naraja Yumul (Ind), got only 187. Igisomar received a total of 5,825 votes for a landslide victory over Yumul, who got only 3,321 total votes.

MANGLONA*From Page 1*

himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

Manglona said that District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood will preside.

In his lawsuit, Yamamoto alleged that Hocog and his co-defendants refused to pay back the \$3.4 million that he put up for M/V *Luta*. Yamamoto is suing Hocog, M/V *Luta*, Luta Mermaid LLC, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, Fidel Mendiola Jr., and Robert Toelkes.

ZENIE*From Page 1*

and procedures so that we can assure quality at NMC and to also uphold integrity at the college," Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune*.

Mafnas looks forward to being part of the NMC Board of Regents, but the opportunity



Commonwealth Election Commission administrative officer Kayla Igitol prepares the absentee ballot boxes for processing. Behind Igitol are CEC commissioners talking with CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

For the Tinian and Aguigan senatorial positions, Senate President Francisco Manglona Borja (GOP) prevailed after garnering 180 absentee ballots, for a total of 713 votes. Henry Hofschneider San Nicolas (Ind) got 172 absentee ballots, for a total of 579 votes.

In the battle for the House Saipan seats, absentee ballots further proved the Republicans' dominance.

In Precinct 1, the absentee ballots did not affect the results. Rep. Edwin Kenneth Propst (Ind) got 79 votes to stay on top, for a total of 2,024.

All five GOP candidates emerged victorious—Rep. Angel Aldan Demapan got a total of 1,975 votes; Rep. Joseph Leepan Tenorio Guerrero, 1,702; Rep. Joseph Pinaula Deleon Guerrero, 1,591; Janet Ulloa Maratita, 1,580; and Gregorio Muna Sablan Jr., 1,513.

For House Precinct 2, Reps. John Paul Palacios Sablan and Rafael Sablan Demapan, both GOPs, still got the two slots, respectively. Sablan received a total of 571 votes, while Demapan got 512. Vicente Aldan

Ichihara (Ind) got 372 total.

For House Precinct 3, it's still the same results. Former press secretary Ivan Alafano Blanco (GOP) emerged the top vote-getter with a total of 1,267 votes. The other five who made it were Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio Attao (Ind), Rep. Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez (Ind), Donald Cabrera Barcina (GOP), Francisco Santos Dela Cruz (GOP), and Jose Ilo Itibus (GOP). Rep. Ralph N. Yumul (Ind) is out after landing on seventh place with 958 votes. Itibus got 997 votes.

For House Precinct 4, absentee ballots did not affect the outcome. Rep. Vinzon Edward Flores Sablan (Ind) came on top with 753 total votes followed by Alice Santos Igitol (GOP) with 610. Rep. George Norita Camacho (GOP) landed on third with 529 votes.

For House Precinct 5, absentee ballots also did not have an effect. Rep. Iglesias Deleon Guerrero (Ind) came first with 843 votes, followed by Francisco Concepcion Aguon (GOP) with 827 total

votes. Antonio Reyes Agulto (GOP) landed on third with 528 total votes.

For House Precinct 6 (Tinian), Edwin Palacios Aldan (GOP) got 184 more absentee ballots, while Diana Hocog Borja (Ind) received 169 absentee ballots. Aldan got a total of 685 votes, while Hocog received 607 total votes.

For the Rota House seat, Glenn Lizama Maratita (GOP) got 224 absentee votes to still win with a total of 804 votes. Tricia Marie Atalig Manglona (Dem) received 294 absentee votes, but only got 686 total votes.

For the Municipal Council-Saipan and Northern Islands, Luis John Deleon Guerrero Castro got a total of 6,107 votes. Diego Litulumar Kaipat received a total of 5,053 total votes.

For Municipal Council-Tinian and Aguigan, Phillip Thomas Mendiola-Long got 731 total votes, followed by Antonio San Nicolas Borja with 664 votes. Edwin Manglona Hofschneider got 658 votes, while Reynaldo Men-

filed a motion asking the court to dismiss Yamamoto's lawsuit.

Hocog, through Guam-based counsel Jeffrey A. Moots, asserted that there is nothing to indicate that he participated in any of the allegations.

It was former Public Lands secretary John DelRosario who first filed a lawsuit against Hocog over M/V *Luta*. Last May, DelRosario filed a taxpayer's lawsuit against Hocog and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson over the alleged adoption of a Rota legislative delegation resolution that purportedly authorized giving \$400,000 to Luta Mermaid, a private company owned by Hocog's relatives.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), who chairs the Health and Welfare Committee, reserved comments on the matter as of this writing due to insufficient information.

After Yamamoto filed the case, two companies and crew members of M/V *Luta* also joined in the lawsuit.

Norton Lilly International Inc., an Alabama corporation, wants to collect from M/V *Luta* \$131,801.10 in alleged unpaid goods and services.

The captain and six other crew members of M/V *Luta* have also intervened because they allegedly have not been paid their wages, \$183,647.77.

Long Consulting LLC, a limited liability company, also claims to have a maritime lien on M/V *Luta* after the vessel's owners/operators allegedly failed to repay any part of their \$300,000 loan.

Last week, Lt. Gov. Hocog

Luta Mermaid owns M/V *Luta*. Abelina Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, and Deron Mendiola are members of the company.

Abelina Mendiola is based on Rota, while Fidel Mendiola is a resident of Louisiana, and Deron Mendiola is a resident of Idaho, according to court papers. Yamamoto is suing them for breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment.

The U.S. Marshal Service has seized M/V *Luta* and appointed the National Maritime Services Inc. as its custodian.

Yamamoto asked the court that the vessel be condemned and be sold to pay his demands, including interest and cost.

never really came up until recently.

"I was asked by NMC if I would accept the nomination, which I did," she said. "NMC is just very dear to me because I was a student at one point and I was also an adjunct instructor for almost a hundred students of a math class."

"I'm excited and I hope to

hear from the Senate soon so that we could start working."

Mafnas is a graduate of Chaminade University of Honolulu, where she took up her master's in Business Administration, with emphasis on accounting. She graduated with an Outstanding MBA Graduate award. Mafnas also graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in

Accounting.

Mafnas has been working with NMHC as a planner and grant writer from July 2007 to March 2013 before being promoted to deputy corporate director in March 2013, for a total of six years.

Mafnas has also taught pre-algebra to five classes in four semesters between 2009 and 2011.

diola Cing received 652 votes.

For Municipal Council-Rota, Anthony Wayne Barcina got 1,149 votes, followed by Kary John Ramos with 1,007. Ivan Mereb Jr. received 927.

For Board of Education-Saipan, Janice Marie Ada Tenorio got the top spot with 4,706 total votes. Marylou Seaman Ada received 3,758 total votes. Andrew Lujan Orsini came third with 3,280 votes.

For Board of Education-Rota, Herman Mangona Atalig got 907 total votes to defeat Dexter Peter Apatang who got 572 votes.

The CEC counted 1,571 absentee ballots and rejected 164. CEC sent out 1,699 absentee ballots.

The overall number of votes totaled 10,993, excluding the absentee ballots.

Most of the rejected absentee ballots were the ones that CEC picked up yesterday at the post office in Chalan Kanoa.

Out of 984 absentee ballots that CEC received last Nov. 8, 66 ballots were rejected.

CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said there were 66 rejected ballots out of the first batch of 984 because many of those voters did not put their

affidavits.

Igitol said some also did not pack the absentee ballots properly, while a couple did not fill up the affidavits correctly so CEC could not identify them.

Igitol said they managed to intercept three absentee voters that were among the five voters CEC removed from the list of registered voters for being "dual voters."

Igitol said they picked up the 984 ballots from a secure office at the Department of Corrections on Monday at 11:30am and started processing them at 12pm.

Igitol said they finished processing the 984 ballots on Monday at 11pm.

She said the process took so long because they have to verify whether the ballots met the law's requirements such as matching the affidavits with the documents.

CEC picked up the second batch consisting of 538 absentee ballots at the post office yesterday at 9am.

After CEC completed the processing of the 538 ballots yesterday afternoon, they rejected 96.

Sablan said most of the rejected ballots have postmarks after Nov. 8.

ERRATUM

In yesterday's story, "Roofed soccer field eyed in Koblerville," the story erroneously reported a roofed, 2-storey soccer pitch to be erected in Koblerville. A statement sent to *Saipan Tribune* by the Northern Marianas International Football Association general secretary Rosauro Zapanta states, "Northern Marianas International Football Association plans to put some type of roofing over the bleachers but not on the field." Our apologies.

BIRTH*From Page 1*

of just three years (2012) and now to the seemingly problematic number of 692.

It is, however, indistinguishable which of the parents have long been residing in the CNMI and which children are brought out of the CNMI by their parents.

Most airlines have a policy against allowing heavily pregnant women to travel. Most airlines allow women up to 32 weeks pregnant to board freely and only require a medical certificate at about 35 weeks into the pregnancy.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), who chairs the Health and Welfare Committee, reserved comments on the matter as of this writing due to insufficient information.

"I would reserve comments at this time until I get further information and clarification with CHCC where they have all these...statistics. Only after obtaining all those relevant information will I provide my statement."

CHCC CEO Esther Muña said the Commonwealth Health Center only follows what the law mandates.

She said that CHC obeys the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, a federal law that requires anyone coming to an emergency department to be stabilized and treated, regardless of status or ability to pay.

"CHCC policies have not changed over the years. CHCC has and will continue to follow federal mandates that grant patient rights and even rights to women in active labor," said Muña.

LAWsuit*From Page 3*

Associate Justice John A. Manglona, who is Manglona's husband, is involved in that case.

Kim and KSA alleged in their racketeering lawsuit that defendants conspired to steal

millions of dollars from him for his hotel and casino project on Saipan.

Kim and KSA named as defendants in their lawsuit former Public Lands secretary Oscar M. Babauta, former DPL employee Ramon S. Salas, Hun Jin An, Jeong Eun Taek, and Joann P. Hensley. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Kilili donates fruits to *man'amko*

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) came bearing bananas, apples, and assorted fruits to the Office on Aging yesterday as part of his annual donation to the islands'

man'amko—his eighth year in a row.

One of the *man'amko*, Rosalia Tenorio Sablan, said, "It's a very generous donation and I know that he appreciates every single one of us on island. He's a generous guy, a very hard worker, and the peo-

ple of Saipan trust him."

Another *man'amko*, Jesse, said, "I'm very happy! I never eat fruits so this will be the first time I'm having some. He's [Sablan] very generous, and I appreciate him working on several issues on island such as food stamp that will

benefit a lot of people."

Sablan himself said, "One day I will be as old as they are—actually I already am since I have a [senior citizen] card. The *man'amko* have been working hard since I was just a child. It reminds me that one day I'll be in their shoes and I, just like everybody, would want someone to take good care of me at that time."

The donation consisted of an assortment of fruits wrapped tightly for the conve-

nience of the elders.

Also present at the event was Office on Aging director Walter Manglona. "I just want to thank the congressman for spending time to come here and visit the elders. I'm sure his presence means a lot to the *man'amko* and of course it means a whole lot to us for him to do that time and again."

"Whenever we receive gifts from the community, especially when it comes from our leaders, we are always very appreciative, plus we advocate for a healthier diet for our elders anyway. I am very

appreciative today because it wasn't just a donation. It was a donation with the congressman spending time to visit our elders and I'm very fortunate to witness a great contribution for the *man'amko*," said Manglona. "I also want to wish Tinian and Rota a happy Thanksgiving as well. I know pretty much everything that goes on at both sites and I always do whatever I can to help, but sometimes the people there just need a visit which is why I'm prioritizing this coming year to go and catch up with these elders."



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Office on Aging director Walter Manglona, center, gives thanks to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, right, at the Office on Aging on Nov. 22.

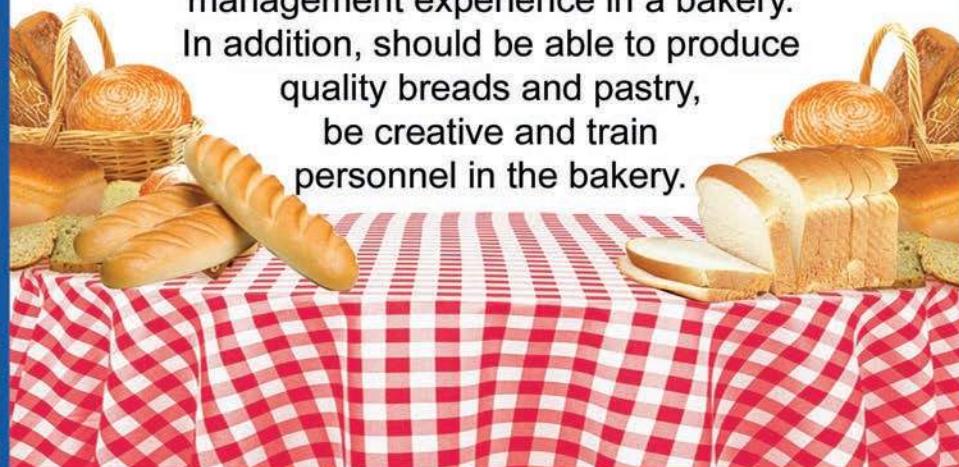


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Huffman finds CPA in violation of grant requirement

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A Federal Aviation Administration official has determined that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is requiring insurance amounts that are unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory of airplanes that operate at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Byron Huffman, the FAA acting director of Office of Airport Compliance and Management Analysis, directed CPA to reevaluate its rules pertaining to aircraft liability insurance requirements to differentiate between general aviation and commercial air transportation operators.

CPA was also directed to develop and apply an aircraft liability insurance requirement

for general aviation aircraft operating in the CNMI.

CPA was directed to submit a corrective action plan within 45 days of the decision.

CPA has yet to respond to *Saipan Tribune*'s request for comments.

Flight instructor Hiroaki Nishio had complained to FAA in April that he is being required by CPA to post a \$10-million general liability insurance.

He said this requirement is unreasonable because it does not differentiate between general aviation operators and commercial operators. Nishio also complained that the \$10 million liability insurance requirement is unreasonable as to it not widely available on the market and is unfeasible.

Nishio is part owner of the Saipan Flight Academy. He

has been performing flight instruction on Saipan since 1992. Saipan Flight Academy also used to do charter air services and sightseeing tours but these two services have since been halted.

Nishio provided a certificate of insurance and an airworthiness certificate on his Cessna 172M on Sept. 1, 1993.

CPA then amended its rules, including the liability insurance requirement of \$10 million for air carriers providing scheduled service to or from any airport in CNMI. CPA also required scheduled and charter operators to enter a written Airline Use Agreement, which Nishio signed in March 1994. Since the signing of the AUA, Nishio has no longer been providing charter air services or sightseeing tours, and has

been limited to providing only flight instruction services at the Saipan airport.

In 2010, CPA found no updated insurance papers for Nishio on its files during a compliance review of insurance records for aircraft operators. Since then, CPA has been asking Nishio to provide proof of the required \$10 million liability insurance. CPA has also prohibited Nishio from using the airport until he provides documents proving that the liability insurance has been obtained.

Upon Huffman's review, it was found that CPA was in violation of its grant obligations. Specifically, Grant Assurance 22 requires the owner of any airport that is developed using federal grant funds to operate for the use and benefit of the public. It also requires

the airport to be available to all types, kinds, and classes of aeronautical activity on fair and reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination. Grant Assurance 22 prohibits adopting unjustly discriminatory conditions that limits airport access.

Huffman concluded that \$1 million to \$10 million of liability insurance is available from various insurers. Huffman also pointed out that Nishio obtained aircraft liability insurance of varying amounts, including \$10 million, over the course of his operation at the Saipan airport.

Huffman said he was able to find aircraft liability insurance that complies with the \$10 million minimum being required by CPA. "To that end, the record does not dem-

onstrate that the complainant has performed a sufficiently comprehensive search of insurance providers to corroborate his claims of insurance unavailability."

Despite these, Huffman said that CPA's interpretation and application of aircraft liability insurance requirements is unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory to Nishio's flight training-only operation.

In his final remarks, Huffman deems that Nishio has yet to commit due diligence in searching for available aircraft liability insurance in the CNMI.

Also, Huffman said that CPA's \$10 million aircraft liability insurance requirement is unreasonable and discriminatory, in violation of Grant Assurance 22, and directed CPA to revise its rules regarding aircraft liability insurance requirements.



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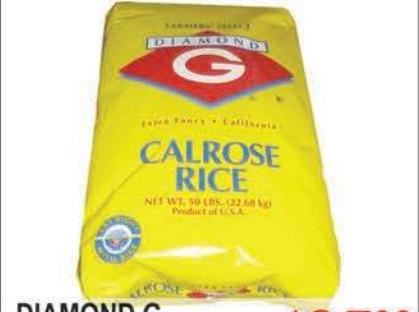
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After nearly 9 years, teacher rep finally appointed

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

Acting governor Victor Hocog finally acted to fill the long-vacant position of a teacher representative on the Board of Education, appointing yesterday Paul Miura as a non-voting member representing public school teachers.

The government is just waiting for Miura to file a Statement of Financial Interest with the Office of the Public Auditor to finalize the appointment.

Miura, a teacher at Saipan Southern High School, is the

CNMI Teacher of the Year for 2014. He met President Barack Obama in September this year as part of his prize.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact Miura for this story.

The CNMI Constitution mandates an elected non-voting teacher representative on the Board of Education. Yet the position remained unfilled for eight years straight.

The position has been open since the term of former governor Benigno Fitial.

The last teacher representative on the board was Ambrose Bennett, who was also

a candidate for Public School System commissioner back in 2008. Bennett went up against Dr. Rita Sablan, who later was appointed to the post.

In 2014, the late governor Eloy Inos was asked by the BOE to appoint a teacher representative via an executive order. Inos opted not to do so.

A new law, Public Law 19-7, required teachers to elect a teacher representative who will then be appointed by the governor. This law was authored by then-senator Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) and signed into law by Inos on Sept. 23, 2015.



JON PEREZ

Ed Genobaten is a hands-on owner as he helps service cars, especially if one of his staff is sick or is doing other errands.

Steam carwash arrives on Saipan

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

For more than 10 years, crunching numbers was Ed Genobaten's daily grind. He calculated taxes and did other auditing practices as an accountant. This year, the Cagayan de Oro City native decided to go out of his comfort zone and opened up a carwash business.

It was the right timing, since there is an increasing demand for a carwash shop as shown by more cars traveling on our roads. Genobaten's shop could be the fifth carwash business on Saipan but instead of having the usual pressurized water technique, he brought to the island AutoSteam.

Genobaten had been working as an accountant since he earned his college degree and passing the licensure exams in the Philippines. He opened up TAXPRO, a business that deals mostly on tax advice, in 2014 after working at the Mariana Resort & Spa and at H&R Block.

He started another business after he slowly earned back what he invested. There's only one problem—he has no idea what he could bring to Saipan that hasn't yet been offered here. "You don't want to offer the same food if you're going to open up a restaurant. You must bring something new."

He came up with the carwash shop after seeing one across his office in Chalan Laulau. "It would be nice for customers to have a place where they can relax, have coffee, bring their gadgets and surf the Internet or watch TV while waiting for their car being cleaned."

"But I don't want to offer the same service so I went online and did my research. That's when I saw a steam car wash and I said to myself, 'this is a service that would help car owners on Saipan,'" added Genobaten.

EG AutoSteam, as the name

says, cleans vehicles using steam instead of the usual pressurized water. Since his shop opened last Sept. 24, they had already serviced more than 200 cars, averaging at least eight cars during weekdays and 16 to 18 every weekends. It takes an average of 30 minutes to clean one car.

Genobaten said steam wash is more economical and environment friendly. "You only use one gallon of water for a sedan, unlike in pressurized carwash shops where thousands of gallons are used for the whole day. We also don't use chemicals in cleaning your car—chemicals that may damage the paint of your car and make the color fade faster."

Aside from maintaining the color of your car, the steam wash technique also allows you to clean the engine and the air-conditioning vents. Plus, the traditional pressurized carwash only cleans the body of your car and vacuuming the interior.

"Cleaning the car engine, you can't do that using pressurized water. And you have to avoid spraying water in other parts that must not be wet. The steam also disinfects the interior and removes odor," said Genobaten.

Prices are almost the same with the other carwash shops with the basic service for a sedan at \$20 while an SUV (five seats), van or two-door pickup truck costs \$25. An SUV or van that seats seven persons or a four-door pickup is \$30.

"But sometimes customers voluntarily pay more, especially if it took us longer to clean their car. We also have a service checklist to ensure customer satisfaction. We list our customers' contact numbers so if they left something, we'll just call them and return their item," said Genobaten.

EG AutoSteam is located right across Sunny Wholesale on Middle Road, Chalan Laulau. For more information, call Genobaten at 2860506 or 7890506.

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Cabinet officials of the Torres administration undergo leadership training this week under Leadership Works' president and CEO Glenn Furuya.

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Torres' Cabinet officials undergo leadership training

Cabinet members underwent leadership training this week in ongoing efforts to augment interdependence of government agencies and cohesive leadership within the administration.

In collaboration with business development and consulting company Leadership Works, its president and CEO, Glenn Furuya, focused on creating professional and organizational growth while offering improved strategies developed over 30 years of private and public organizational consulting.

Furuya shared that in his experience with Pacific island nations, the issue of implied consent applied over decades of weak leadership causes cyclical system failure.

"The most important word in leadership is bifurcation. This is needed for organizations that are changing and where you need to accentuate strengths and assets while neutralizing weaknesses and liabilities. This is where you innovate and transform and as a small Commonwealth, considering other organizations I have worked with, I believe that this Commonwealth can achieve this," he said.

According to Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, creating a more cohesive government is a key component of efficiency and effectiveness.

"Determining and aligning our purpose, which is ultimately what is in the best interest of the Commonwealth, is important in the coming years and for future generations. Our departments are made up of a very diverse group of leaders and one way

to ensure that we remain proactive and productive is to align our vision and balance policy and what's practical," Torres said.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said the collapse of the Retirement Fund was a defining moment for the Commonwealth and a time of critical self-examination.

"We are making good on our government obligations, and closing out judgments and settlements while providing prioritized funding to crucial areas in the Commonwealth. There is so much more to improve but sustained understanding and collaboration is improving our systemic flow," Larson said.

Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman noted that improvements are gradual and plans are in place to improve services through an online portal, cutting costs and stimulating economic growth.

Commonwealth Office on Transit Authority special assistant Alfreda Camacho said that proactive alignment of vision is what the growing fleet of transit vehicles and the creation of accessible transportation services to accommodate the needs of the community is all about.

According to Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Clyde Norita, the digitization of patient intake and information will add to improving emergency services and adding efficiency.

Furuya noted that system-wide established protocol and mindfulness, among other things, is needed for effective leadership and positive return. (PR)

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Hocog vetoes bill that imposes fee on scuba divers

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog disapproved yesterday a bill that would have imposed an additional \$10 fee on scuba divers in the Com-

monwealth, saying the bill as written is vague.

House Bill 19-44, SD1 proposes to impose an additional \$10 fee to be collected by scuba

operators from their customers for renting oxygen tanks. Rep. George N. Camacho (R-Saipan) introduced HB 19-44. HB 19-44, if signed into law,

would require all scuba dive shop operators to impose on their customers an additional \$10 surcharge fee per tank. The fees collected were supposed to fund the installation, operation, and maintenance of decompression chambers in the CNMI.

There are 15 scuba dive shops on Saipan alone.

A decompression chamber or hyperbaric treatment chamber is an apparatus used to treat divers that suffer from certain

diving disorders. Decompression chambers can also be used to treat carbon monoxide poisoning, bacterial and radiation illnesses, and diabetes.

In his letter to House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan and Senate President Francisco M. Borja, Hocog said the bill's language is vague and that would have an effect on its enforceability and implementation.

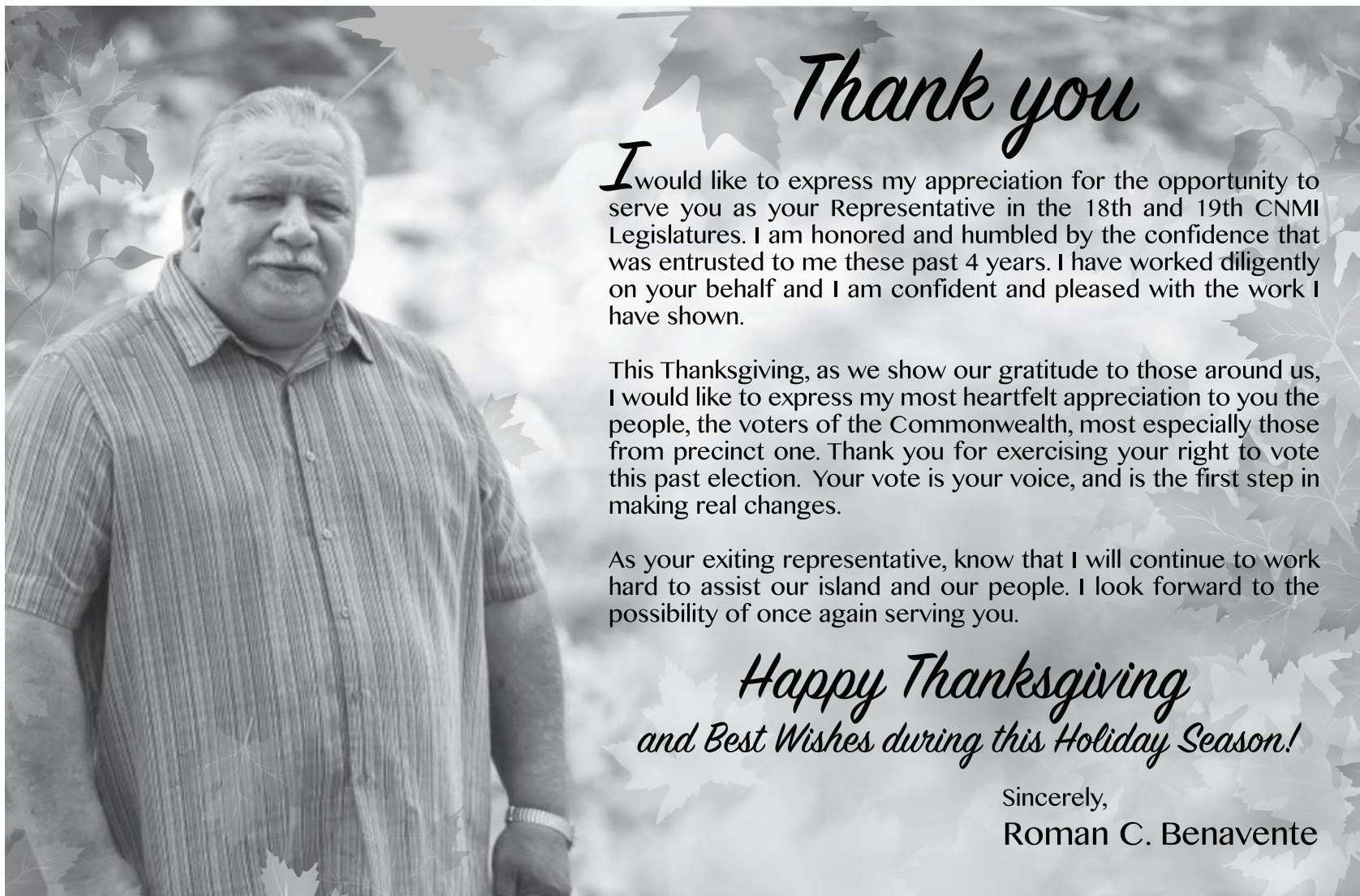
"The absence of clear instructions to scuba diving operators and to the Department of Finance in the collection and deposit of the fees will make it difficult to implement the assessment of the fees," he said.

Hocog cited Section 2 (a) of the bill where it should have stated that it was the CNMI government that would impose the \$10 surcharge fee instead of the scuba diving operators. That section of HB 19-44 should have also been specific in saying that dive shop operators would be authorized to collect the fees from customers.

The fees would then be remitted to the Department of Finance.

"As currently written, no timeline is provided on when the fees would be remitted," added Hocog. ... "Because of the foregoing deficiencies in the bill, I am left with no other recourse but to veto HB 19-44, HD1, SD1."

Camacho said the CNMI lacks a decompression chamber and patients that require its aid need to be flown to Guam for treatment. (Jon Perez)



Thank you

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve you as your Representative in the 18th and 19th CNMI Legislatures. I am honored and humbled by the confidence that was entrusted to me these past 4 years. I have worked diligently on your behalf and I am confident and pleased with the work I have shown.

This Thanksgiving, as we show our gratitude to those around us, I would like to express my most heartfelt appreciation to you the people, the voters of the Commonwealth, most especially those from precinct one. Thank you for exercising your right to vote this past election. Your vote is your voice, and is the first step in making real changes.

As your exiting representative, know that I will continue to work hard to assist our island and our people. I look forward to the possibility of once again serving you.

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Around midnight on Nov. 21, U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Sub-Center Guam received a call from Anderson 36th Security Forces of a reported male swimmer over the reef.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam is coordinating the search efforts with multiple resources to include Guam Fire Rescue, Anderson Fire Rescue, the U.S. Coast Guard patrol boat *Assateague*, and a 45-foot U.S. Coast Guard response boat. Aerial support is being provided by the 34th Expeditionary Bomber Squad-

ron and helicopter support from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 and Guam Army National Guard.

Anyone having information regarding the missing swimmer is asked to call U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam at 671-355-4824 or hail U.S. Coast Guard over VHF-FM Ch. 16. (PR)

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Each checkpoint will be operated for two hours. The checkpoint will be cancelled when it rains.

For more information, contact Sgt. Anthony Macaranas (670) 483-5818. (DPS)

Sobriety checkpoints on Sat.

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section will be conducting **sobriety** checkpoints on Saturday, Nov. 26.

The first checkpoint will be from 6pm to 8pm along

Beach Road Garapan to Beach Road Susupe.

The second checkpoint will be from 10pm to 11pm along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Puerto Rico to Cha-

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bank of Guam closed on Thanksgiving and Friday

Bank of Guam will be closed this Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25. The bank's Saturday branches will reopen from 9am to 1pm. They are Yigo, Dededo, Harmon, Upper Tumon, Tamuning, Hagatna, Mangilao, and Malessa. For more information, contact Jackie Marati at (671) 472-5258. (PR)

Transfer station, landfill closed on Thursday

In observance of Thanksgiving, both the Lower Base trans-

fer station and the Marpi landfill will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016. (PR)

Free medical mission on Sunday

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) will host a free medical mission at its chapel in San Jose on Nov. 27, 2016, Sunday, from 4pm to 6pm, as a way of celebrating Thanksgiving with the community. There will be blood pressure check, blood sugar check, weight measure, and eye screening. There will also be free body massage, facial cleansing, haircut, snack/refreshments, and giveaways. For more information, contact 789-7566. (PR)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on Nov. 23 from 8am to 8pm. The military will also conduct 24-hour training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 24-28. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the date and times indicated. (PR)

CUC office hours

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will have the following office hours on Nov. 23-25, 2016:

■ Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016: CUC Customer Center will be open all day for payments and purchase of prepaid meter tokens (load) only. All other offices: Closed at 12pm.

■ Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016 (Thanksgiving Day): Closed

■ Friday, Nov. 25, 2016: Closed

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. For emergencies, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 (4CUC). (CUC)

Chamber to host career exploration day

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its "2016 Career Exploration Day" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. High school juniors and seniors will choose a field of business they are interested in and will be paired with a participating chamber business. Students will be recognized at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall during the chamber's membership meeting on Dec. 7 at 12pm.

For more information, call the chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

The Friends of the Arts will hold a board meeting on Nov. 29, 6:30pm to 9pm, at the Canton Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. The meeting will include musical and thespian entertainment. There will be a detailed discussion regarding the 2017 season and the opportunity to renew membership and purchase season tickets. For more information, contact Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com. (PR)

Wage and salary statement workshop

The Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2016 and other 2016 yearend filing requirements. The workshop will be on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1000 and 664-1098 or fax at 664-1015. (PR)

Holiday closures at Visitor Center

The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed in observance of the upcoming federal holidays:

- Nov. 24, 2016, Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25, 2016, Christmas Day
- Jan. 1, 2017, New Year's Day

Park staff would also like to encourage the public to visit the Visitor Center. With the exception of the holidays closed, the VC is open every day from 9am to 5pm.

If you have any questions, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. (NPS)

Holiday bazaar on Dec. 4

The annual Brilliant Star School Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827). For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. The daylong event is also graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups. There will also be raffles. (PR)

FOA to hold board meeting

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Legislature gets updates on status of healthcare

The Senate and House health committees jointly met yesterday to find out the status of healthcare in the Commonwealth. The joint meeting was held at the Senate chamber on Capital Hill.

Senate Committee on Health and Welfare chair Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) was joined by vice chair Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), Sens. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), Jude Hofsneider (R-Tinian), and Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan). Senate Vice President Arnold Palacios was also present.

"Understanding the critical importance of healthcare to the people of the CNMI is a collaborative effort between the Senate and House committees, which met in a continuing effort to discuss pressing healthcare issues as it relates to the CHCC's financial matters, and the CNMI Medical Referral process and requirements for referring patients outside the CNMI," said Santos.

CHCC refers to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., which runs the local hospital, the Commonwealth Health Center, and the health centers in Kagman and on Rota and Tinian.

Rep. Felicidad Ogunoro (R-Saipan) is Santos' counterpart in the House of Representatives' side with Reps. Blas Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan) and Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) joining her

on the panel.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muna, MHA, led the CHCC side at the meeting and was accompanied by interim chief financial officer Priscilla Iakopo. Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program accountant Cora Ada—who is also a former CFO—and billing manager Rose Gibbons were also present.

The joint hearing focused on CHCC's financial status, and the referral policies of the CNMI Medical Referral Program and the Medical Review Board, which is composed of six members: four from CHCC and two from the private sector. The board meets every Wednesday afternoon and requires receiving all referral packets for review by Tuesday afternoon.

Muna told the committee that CHCC currently operates as a "safety net hospital" and incurs significant losses. A safety net hospital or healthcare system provides service to low-income and uninsured populations.

"CHC currently provides a significant level of care to low-income, uninsured, and vulnerable members of the community. Therefore, we have been experiencing a significant operating loss," Muna said.

Muna also informed the committee that they have

made a huge progress in their billing process; accounts of patients are now being completed in just three months.

CNMI Medical Referral director Ron Sablan and committee chair Dr. John Doyle

discussed the process and requirements of how patients are referred to hospitals or medical institutions outside of the CNMI, and lodging facilities—Guam, Hawaii, and the Philippines.

"Patients are briefed and provided with medical referral

leaflets before being sent off island. Referral patients would have better options for medical treatment in the future," said Sablan, who also goes to talk in a radio talk show to inform the community of the program once every four months.

Doyle also informed the

committee that the referral program has an escort policy for disabled patients and persons who have limited movements. "The status quo is working right now and changing it will not be in the best interest of our referral patients." (Jon Perez)

To my dear people of Precinct 3,

With a humble heart, my family and I wish to extend our profound and heartfelt appreciation to each one of you that have given me the honor and privilege to serve as your voice in Congress for the past fifteen (15) years. I am forever grateful for this amazing journey and the confidence bestowed upon me to sail the tides of our dear Commonwealth as we work together as one community to address the pressing matters of our beloved islands.

Through the will of the people, we remain in faith and hope that the coming tides facing our Commonwealth be sailed with clarity, respect, and honor for our people and our islands.

And please have a
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Trump's brand of attorney general

If he is confirmed as attorney general of the United States, Jeff Sessions will no doubt provide many opportunities for criticism by those who didn't vote for Donald Trump. The policies Sessions can be expected to implement at the Justice Department on immigration, voting rights, terrorism and crime will not be agreeable to a lot of Americans. We expect to find many grounds to take issue with him.

But that's why we have elections: so Americans can choose the leaders and policies they prefer. Trump won the election, and Sessions is exactly the sort of person he could have been expected to place in his Cabinet. So anyone who doesn't like the appointment should blame the 61 million people who voted for the Republican nominee.

His choice to head the Department of Justice is proof that Trump meant what he said in the campaign, particularly about immigration. It should reassure Trump supporters that the incoming president isn't going to be co-opted by bland mainstream Republicans. Sessions was the first senator to endorse him during his presidential campaign, and we doubt that anyone ever has called him bland.

Trump has chosen someone who is not only aligned with him on policy but experienced, able and savvy in the ways of Washington. A fourth-term senator from Alabama who has served on the Judiciary Committee, Sessions spent 12 years as the U.S. attorney in Mobile before being elected attorney general of Alabama. He's unarguably well-prepared for his new assignment.

Not that Sessions will have an easy road to confirmation. His 1986 nomination to the federal bench failed in the GOP-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee because of claims that he had made offensive remarks about racial matters, in addition to calling the ACLU and the NAACP "un-American."

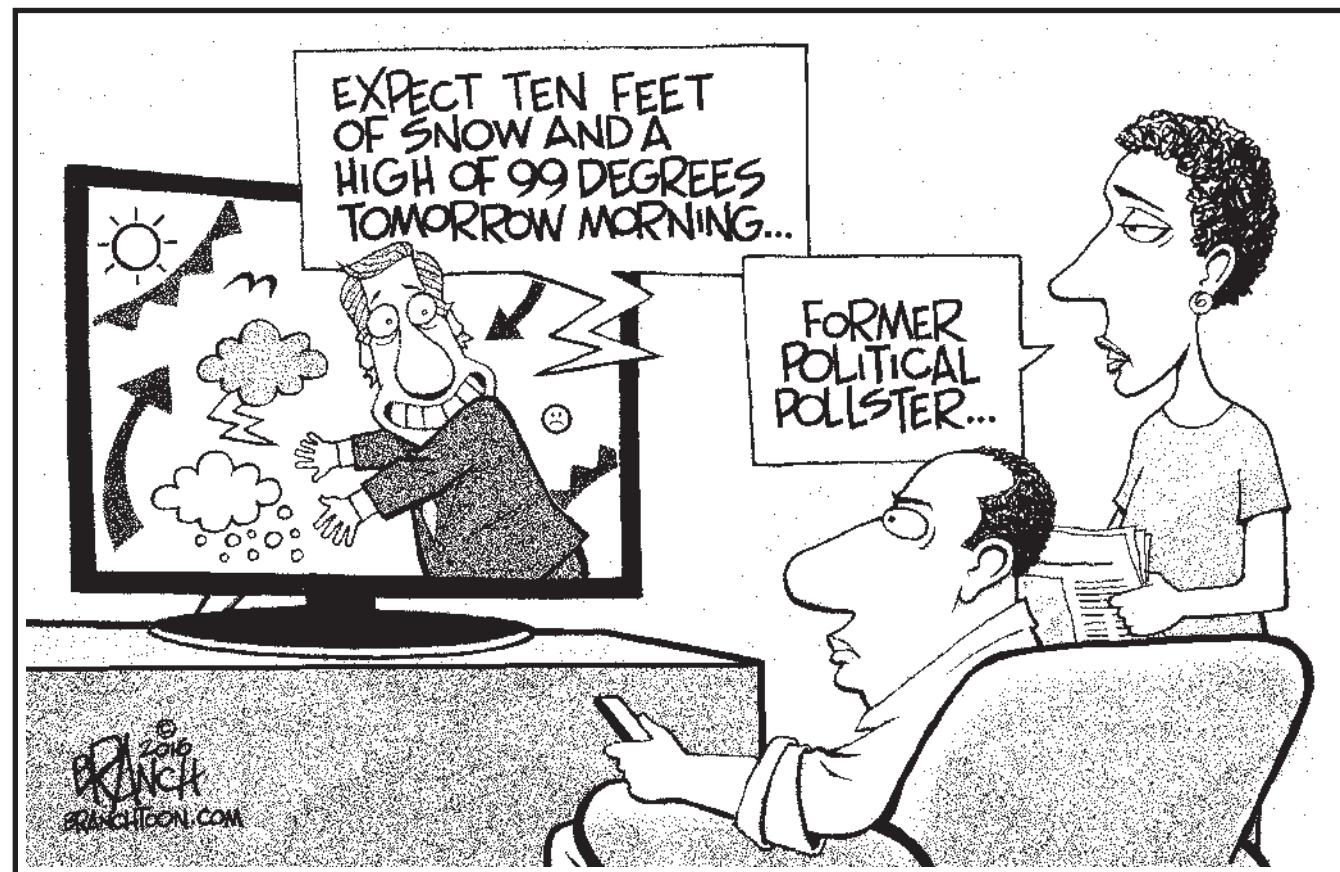
Those matters will be revisited by the current Judiciary Committee in its deliberations, and they could hurt his chances. But they are less likely to prove fatal, because senators have far more information by which to assess him today than they did 30 years ago.

Sessions represents a conservative state and his views are consistently hard-line. He voted against John McCain's 2005 bill to ban "cruel, inhuman or degrading" treatment of detainees by the military. He is a staunch foe of comprehensive immigration reform that would grant many undocumented foreigners a path to citizenship, which he decries as "amnesty." He has opposed measures to reduce sentences for nonviolent drug offenders.

On all these issues, we disagree with Sessions. But then, presidents are entitled to considerable deference in choosing the people they want to carry out their policies—barring some clear evidence of unsuitability. Strongly disagreeing with some of Sessions' opinions doesn't meet that test.

It would be hard to find anyone who can better represent and advance President Trump's policies at the Justice Department than Sessions. Opponents may think that's reason enough for the Senate to reject him. But all of us ought to remember who won the election.

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A tweak could improve the Electoral College

By COLIN HANNA and CLETA MITCHELL
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

For the fifth time in our national history, a candidate for president won the necessary number of votes from the Electoral College while losing the popular vote.

This has given rise to a new round of calls to abolish the Electoral College, with the presidency going to whichever candidate amasses the greatest raw vote total. The counterargument most often raised is simply that our system doesn't work that way.

We offer a better argument against the popular vote, and also propose a reform that we believe would not only preserve the Framers' original intent for the Electoral College but also improve the presidential election process in the media-rich 21st century.

The Framers of our Constitution understood the threat of tyranny better than we do today. The English system of government was a monarchy, with all power derived from the sovereign monarch. Power was concentrated, and concentration of power led to abuse of power. The Framers devised a system in which power was diffused among the states, rather than concentrated in a single central government. The central government was limited to certain enumerated powers, rather than possessing all power. That's Federalism.

Even within the very limited federal government, power was further diffused into three equal branches of government. The principle of diffusing power was carried out in the presidential election process through the creation of an Electoral College in which each state had a set of votes based upon population, with each state retaining the right to determine for itself how those votes were to be allocated after an election. Thus, diffusing power was a structural check on tyranny, in this case not the tyranny of the English monarch, but rather the tyranny of which both James Madison and Alexander Hamilton wrote, the tyranny of the majority.

Abandoning the Electoral College in favor of a national raw vote winner would abandon this check against tyranny. The benefits of federalism should be preserved, not demolished.

We have become so accustomed to a two-party system that we easily ignore another substantial flaw in a popular vote system. If four roughly equal-size parties were to emerge instead of the current two large parties, then a president could be elected with a little more than one quarter of the total vote. Electing a president opposed by nearly three-quarters of those voting would be the opposite of the fairness the proponents of the popular vote say they want.

A third flaw in a popular vote is cultural. It would lead to the selection of a president by the large cities whose media dominance would run roughshod over more rural and agricultural areas to the point that citizens in those areas could easily conclude that they had been left out of the process altogether. This would

soon lead to insoluble cultural divisions that would make the recent campaign for president look like an exercise in national unity by comparison.

The current system has its own flaws, however, one of the worst of which is the disproportionate influence of so-called swing states. Eleven states were determined to be swing states this year, relegating 39 states to near insignificance. California, New York, Massachusetts, and Texas were largely ignored because they were presumed to be so solidly in either the Trump or Clinton camp as to not be worth either candidate's time to campaign in them. How is it in the interest of fairness and national unity to ignore our largest states?

The reform that we propose would retain the Electoral College, but do away with its winner-take-all-by-state awarding of electoral votes. We propose instead nationalizing the system used in Nebraska and Maine, where one electoral vote is awarded to the winner of each congressional district, with two additional electoral votes awarded to the overall winner of that state. Every congressional district would thus have the same weight.

Winning a district in Iowa or Wyoming would be just as valuable as winning a district in Philadelphia. Democrats in Austin, Dallas, and Houston could produce district majorities that would give them electoral votes, just as Republicans would probably win electoral votes in certain parts of California, Massachusetts, and Illinois. This system would preserve the Framers' checks against the tyranny of the majority in large urban areas, while also nationalizing the national election. Candidates would then campaign in states they never have to visit now.

Would this system have made a difference in the last few presidential elections? In 2000, George W. Bush would still have won, but with 288 electoral votes vs. 250 for Al Gore, compared with the 271-266 count by which he was elected. The past three presidential elections would have sorted out this way:

Instead of winning 286 to 251 in 2004, Bush would have won more decisively, beating John Kerry 321-217. In 2008, Barack Obama would've won 301-237 (the real count that year was 365-173). The only race that would have had a different result under our system was 2012, with Mitt Romney winning 276-262, instead of losing to Obama 332-206. In retrospect, perhaps that result would have prevented the pent-up anger at the unfairness of the system that the American people expressed on Nov. 8.

The Electoral College is a brilliant gift from our Founding Fathers that can be made fairer by tweaking the allocation, rather than abolishing it altogether. A truly national campaign would result, one where every state and all votes and voters matter.

That seems like fairness to us.

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Ha`anen Gupot Marianas

Agupa` na ha`ane Thanksgiving Day, espesiat na okasion para familia. Un` dinaña `nai tana`e sinsiyu na agradesimientu i Saina pot todū bendision-ta na sakan. Lokue`, tutuhon ha`anen gupot siha guine. Tradision tana` este pot mas ke kiñientus años.

Gi bespiran Noche Buena ta falague Misan Gayu pot para tatagam i finattun i Niño Jesus. Dispues, manhanau hit para i gima` mankinafe yan amotsa. Tanaña finattun i Niño `nai manana si Yuus. Kutturan relihion-ta kumu mañgatoliku!

Mientras mamañge`yu`, gaige suabe na dandan “Pueñgen Yuus” e`ku gi santatte. Esta na`mahalañg antes na celebrasion pot motmut minagof gi tautau-ta siha. Sumasaunau nobenan i Niño ni manaliliku` gi bisinu `an pueñge. Sige mona esta`i finattun i Niño gi gima`ta gi ha`anen dichu Noche Buena.

Tat ti dumimu mangagau bendision gi Niño Jesus. Namagof na ha`ane. Mas hana` fitme hineñge-ta gi tai achaigua na nina` siñan i Saina-ta.

I benefisiu gaige na i sensian hinimiddi umesgaihon halum katma yan trañkilidat giya hita. Gi mismu tiempu ha tanum fitme yan petmanentu na dignu yan respetu gi korason-hu pot guia. Estague` sustansian hineñge!

Ti hoñgiyun na desde ke patte-yu` giya guia diariu, tatnai chathinassu-yu` pot nesessidat familiag-hu. Gaige enteramente inañguhog-hu gi taihinekog na nina` siñaña yan yine`ase`ñ. Hu pega ha`ani-hu kulan un` patgon ni tumatikiye si tataña gi kantun unai, innosiente lau motmut minagof yan grasiros na chaleg!

Tafan adiseha mauleg gi dichu ha`anen Noche Buena. Felis Noche Buena para kada unu giya hamu! Si Iku yan Familia!

Bachet: Hu ekuñgog un` tautau umadiñgan pot fuetsan kabales na hinassu. Ha lista haf` siha offisioña un` tiempu. Ti hoñgiyun `nai ha annunsia dispues na bachelgue`.

Ha apunta huyuñg na gaige lini`e kada unu gi haf kabales ha husga kumu magahet gi asuntoña siha. Pot ihemelu, siña i

tautau gai atadog lau bachel. Puru imbarasus tumani` . “Nasuha todū tinane`mu ya un` husga haf` magahet”. Este solu `nai siña kabales tali`e asunto-ta. Ilegña na `nai bachelgue` `nai mas klaru halie` asuntoña siha.

Ha usa asuntu birag pot lamegai pumo`lu na magahet. Lau este na asuntu finañagun mina`añau sin kabales na himisga. Taya birag solu haf` i titanos-ta ha fabrika kumu magahet. Magahet na guaha espiritu man-hanau lau ti birag.

Ginen bachelña na mas mauleg-gue umekuñgug ya hana` setbi hinassoña umebalua yan analisa gi maseha haf` na asuntu hafana` diariu gi operasion bisnis.

Hana` klaru na todū asuntu `nai chatkomprendi hit siempre maya` lini`e-ta. Debi fuetsau tana` suha chatlini`eta kosake klaru hinassota. Ginen este siempre u kabales lini`e-ta. Haf baliña gai atadog i tautau ya bachel?

Pot todū, i hinasso-ta i mas metgot gi para ta satba maseha haf` chinatsaga-ta. Este na patte mauleg ta eksisia gi hilu` katma, pinasensia yan hinimiddi. Ha sedi hit umatetuye mas amtau na hinanau diariu. Gi hilu pinasensia, minesñgun yan amtau na riñipara `nai siempre ta gosa kinemprenden lini`eta.

Nasuha ti man-pettimenti siha na asuntu ya umanana hinassu gi maseha haf` un` petsisigi. Sedin maisa hau katma gi todū hinassu yan disposition-mu. Este mas lagsi` na manera gi mafotman fitmi na disposition. Kabales siempre lini`emu!

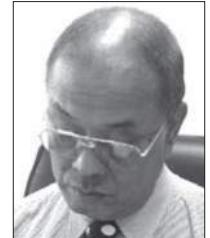
Nuebu! Ilegña i amighu Magoo na mampus oppan maplikan Biktot Hokog yan i MV Luta na tinampe i miyinariu as defunto Larry Hillbloom.

“Fana`an miyinariu si Biktot hombre manadan keha gi kotte pot mansañgan finababa gi` nos kuantos bisnis yan taxpayers iya Marianas”, ha apunta huyuñg si Magoo. Kasi i balin keha ennau i \$4.2 miyon pesus ni gaige pa`gu gi kotte.

Petsonatmenti, para todū i manmapublika na minamahlau kontra Marianas debi si Biktot u resignague`. Nahuñg na mina-

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mahlau gi gasetan elmundu pot mansañgan na che`chu` achibau gi apusientun gobietnamentun iya Marianas.

Na lamegai pop corn yan gimen sa` hahuñgog na paire na luka mamamaila`! Desde bailan fayao, palitu, mas yan hula siempre duri gi hilu` karetiya siha!

Silensiú: I tanu` silensiú. Esta na`tañga i inipus silensiú maseha manu-yu` guatu. Gi tatten felisitasian gi matan tautau-ta, tuñgu`un na guaha te`ug pinadesin niniha gi halum gima` niha.

Gaige lamayot patte este gi tai sinahguan na monedan familia. Mientras masuñgun todū kinahulu` nesessidat familia, i moneda tatnai ma-adelanta pot 25 años na tiempu.

I matan niha didog inaligau ausiliu yan kau guaha un` dia u doku` kabilosu yan fitme na kabayeru para u esgaihon i tautau huyuñg ginen presenti na sasalaguan chinatsaga?

Oppan este gi matan niha. Mampos a`gañ gi ekun silensiú na dinisehan niha para u lagnos siha ginen este na modun linala` esklabu gi halum muey` na fachí miserapbien pinepleb.

Este na sentimentu sige ha` dumañkulu gi halum abubun binibun publiku. Siempre un` dia u mapga` pat pagpag `nai paniku` pinasensian todus gi enteru petlas guine. Na`mañau`an para u fattu guine na eskalera. Haf mohon gaige gi hinassun niha i timunerun hegsu` imperadot I Deni`?

Kuestion: Yangin guaha presisu un` keketuñg` ginen un` prohímu(ma) mauleg un` offisional haf` na kuestion siña un` dagau `nai guia mismu umesplika boluntariamente i infomasiun siha.

Debi un` fayi umatan haf` moduñia i prohímu mientras ha` oppi i kuestion siha. A dakun un` ratatu ha` ha kehayen maiasgue` . I tunas na tautau dibuenamente sinañgane hau klaru haf kinempedencia gi asuntu ni un` abiririgua.

In` koneksion yan este, hu soda` na i Chamorro i mas baba na testigu gi kotte. Ahe` ti pot dakun lau i liñguahen Chamorro mau`udai gi “fana`an, kasi, buente”. Ti direktamente i palabra sa` popleli liñguahita. Poresu na puru mafanana`an “implied” na basis `nai mañgekuentos hit.

Pot ihemelu: Mafaisen un` testigu haf` kulot chininaña i manunu` `nai humuyuñg ginen i gima`, asut pat betdi. Chatseguru dispues hana` asagua i dos kulot `nai ilegña, “Fana`an asut, ahe` betdi, kasi todū i dos”. Dios mihi!

Denied the right to vote

Two of our most important rights are (1) freedom of speech and (2) right to vote.

My granddaughter is being denied the right to vote in this election because of an error (?) in the Election Commission's system of absentee voting. Although she requested to vote absentee and timely sent her request in accordance with the Election Commission's directions (for which she has a receipt of confirmation), she never received an absentee ballot. And, in spite of follow-ups to ensure that she got her absentee ballot, it was never sent to her.

And even more egregious is that the Election Commission took no action to correct their error and ensure that she received an absentee ballot so that she could vote. I called the Election Commission almost daily last week in a last attempt to get the Election Commission to enable her to vote and I am told they will check on it, there is no record (although I sent over the confirmation receipt), they will check with the boss and get back to me, etc. I have not received a return call.

I read in the paper this morning that a total of 984 absentee ballots will be checked today. However, a total of 1,699 absentee ballots were sent out. How many other absentee voters have been denied the right to vote in this election?

Jeanne Rayphand
Gualo Rai, Saipan

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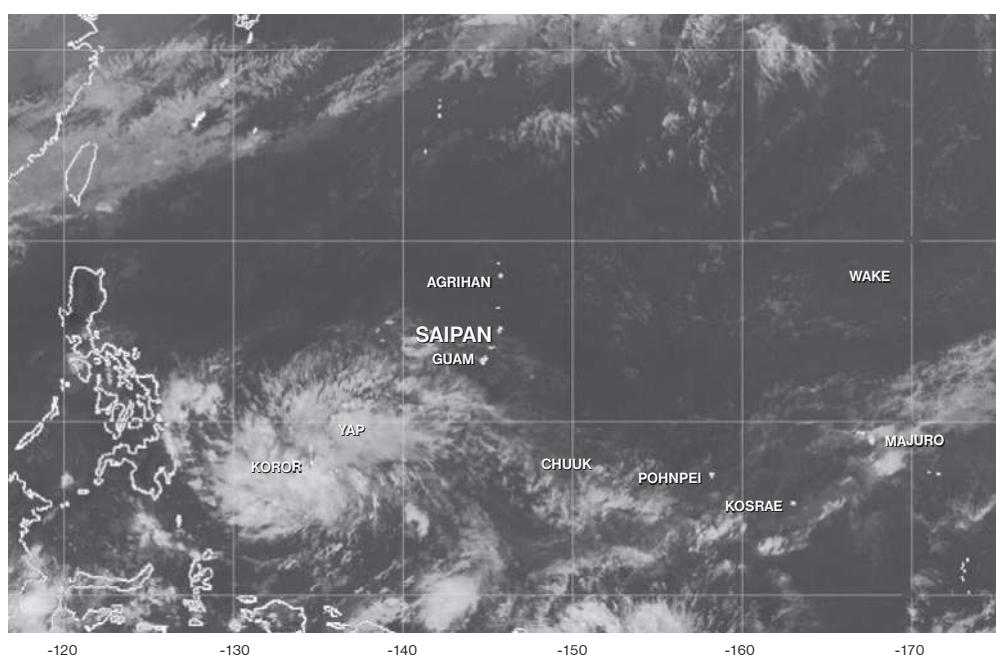
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Guam and Rota	Sunny	83 / 87 °F
Palau	Heavy rain	80 / 85 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	80 / 88 °F
Chuuk	Mostly sunny	79 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	78 / 84 °F
Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	81 / 86 °F
Majuro	Mostly cloudy	80 / 85 °F

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Auckland	Sunny	55 / 70 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	13 / 34 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	60 / 73 °F
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Los Angeles	Mostly sunny	49 / 67 °F
Manila	Morning clouds	80 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Mostly sunny	51 / 58 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	70 / 78 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	35 / 45 °F
Osaka	Partly cloudy	44 / 56 °F
Paris	Mostly cloudy	49 / 59 °F
Pusan	Partly sunny	36 / 46 °F
Rome	Afternoon clouds	55 / 67 °F
Salem	Light showers	43 / 47 °F
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Tokyo	Partly cloudy	43 / 57 °F
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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
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7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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Business



A former military vehicle is converted and modified into a vehicle, *Buttercup*, that used for touring Saipan on land and sea.

Amphibious vehicle used for Saipan tours

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

An amphibious vehicle used in the World War II invasion of Normandy would be used for the first-ever amphibious tour of Saipan, letting tourists experience a tour of Garapan and a sea ride at the Tanapag Harbor starting on Nov. 24.

The tour aboard the duck-shaped vehicle starts at the Garapan Fishing Bay, where tourists could avail of snacks at the Garapan Public Market, which is a partner to Saipan Duck Tours.

Affectionately called *Buttercup*, the amphibious vehicle will make its way through Garapan, passing tourist spots such as the 13 Fishermen's Memorial, the Catholic bell tower of Kristo Rai, the Saipan Museum, the Old Japanese jail, the Carolinian Utt, and the American Memorial Park, before making its way to Tanapag Harbor.

The boat trip gives tourists a close view of the turquoise water of Tanapag Harbor, the expensive yachts parked at the harbor, and a view of Managaha from the boat.

As for safety precautions, fire extinguishers and life jackets are provided all throughout the tour.

A regular ticket costs \$38 for adults and \$28 for kids ages 12 and below, with a discount of 25 percent for residents. The ticket also serves as a \$3 coupon for

produce or snacks at the Garapan Public Market.

Eddie Yokeno, president of AquaDuck LLC, said the tour is in partnership with the Garapan Public Market.

"We try to give the tourists a slice of the local history and the beauty of Saipan. We let the passengers come on board at the Garapan Public Market and then at the end of the trip, hopefully, we can usher them into buying at the Garapan Public Market," he said.

Agritourism is an operation based on bringing visitors to an area that sells local produce, such as the Garapan Public Market.

The former military amphibious vehicle being used for the tour is called a DUKW (pronounced as duck) and was used during World War II. These boats were responsible for rescuing 90 percent of those injured during the invasion of Normandy.

"[AquaDuck] takes it pretty seriously. It's a real ship; we have to be really responsible. I went to a maritime academy in Seattle, so I'm an actual captain," said Stork. "We can't have fun if we're not safe. I do an inspection every morning."

An introductory discount of 25 percent will be available until Nov. 30 and is exclusive for residents only. Starting Dec. 1, the duck tours would be open to tourists and marks the end of the local discounts.

Yokeno sees the upcoming holidays as an opportunity for the company to set up special tours.

"We'll also come up with special events. We haven't re-

ally decided what to do yet, but we plan to do a 'duck hayride', or a Valentine's night and many more. We're thinking of opportunities aside from the regular tours," he said. "We hope residents would be patronizing the duck tours."

Garapan Public Market president Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero said, "I know it's going to be good. I'm already talking to our manager to relocate our stuff so we are not flooded inside. We have made that arrangement already."

"This is good exposure for the public market," added Yokeno.

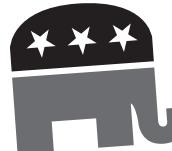
Capt. Michael Stork, one of three captains of the duck tour vehicles, is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain with a 200-ton master license, enabling him to serve as captain on any inspected or uninspected vessel greater than 100 tons and less than 200 tons.

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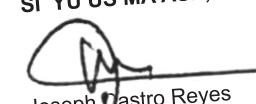
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-011

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The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-011 -Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicle and Heavy Equipment" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Contract Administrator via email address john.mafnas@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAM
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-012

ROTA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Rota Water Supply Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of the demolition of existing building structure, fence, pipes, valves, including appurtenances, installation of new 6-inch, 8-inch, & 10-inch PVC water line complete with necessary valves and fittings, construction of a new well building, chlorination building, booster pump building, and several reconfigurations of the existing water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed by August 1st 2017.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

The Bid Documents may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one Bid Documents package set. The Bid Documents consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **December 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A Site Visit of the CUC Rota Water facilities will be scheduled by CUC Rota thereafter. Prospective Bidders shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) Original and Five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a **sealed envelope** marked "CUC-IFB-17-012-Rota Water Supply Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

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Trump auditions Cabinet prospects high above Manhattan



Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his wife Callista Gingrich walk through the lobby as they arrive at Trump Tower, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 in New York, to meet with President-elect Donald Trump. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Donald Trump held court from his perch high above Manhattan on Monday, receiving a line of former rivals, longtime allies and TV executives while overseeing a presidential transition that at times resembles a reality show like the one he once hosted.

Trump met with nearly a dozen prospective hires, all of whom were paraded in front of the cameras set up in the Trump Tower lobby as they entered an elevator to see the president-elect. Out of public view himself, he fell back on his TV star roots by filming a video that touted his legislative goals once he takes office.

Trump did not immediately announce any appointments after the meetings, which came on the heels of a two-day whirlwind of interviews at his golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey.

Unlike his predecessors, who often spoke with Cabinet candidates under a cloud of secrecy, Trump has turned the search into a very public audition process. The extraordinary exercise took on a routine feel on Monday: First, former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown stepped off the gold-plated elevator into the marble-coated lobby after his meeting to declare to waiting reporters that he was "the best person" to become Veterans Affairs secretary.

Next, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, a candidate for interior secretary, did much the same,

striding off the lift to say she had "a wonderful discussion" with Trump. Former Texas Governor Rick Perry declined to speak to reporters, but he did take time for a photo with the Naked Cowboy, the underwear-sporting, guitar-strumming New York institution who is normally a fixture at Times Square but has spent recent days camped out at Trump Tower singing about the president-elect.

Democratic Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, who resigned her post on the Democratic National Committee after endorsing Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton, also met with Trump but entered and exited out of sight. She later defended crossing party lines to meet with Trump about U.S. involvement in Syria, saying in a statement she would never "play politics with American and Syrian lives."

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a longtime Trump ally, also arrived with his wife, Callista, and told reporters that he indicated to

Trump that he was interested in being a "senior planner" to coordinate long-term political efforts among the Republicans in control of all three branches of government.

Senior adviser Kellyanne Conway said of the visitors, "Not all of them will be in his Cabinet and his federal government, but they are all incredibly important in offering their points of views, their experience and certainly their vision of the country."

No one was saying whether Trump would announce more appointments before heading to Florida for Thanksgiving. He was planning to leave Tuesday or Wednesday to spend the holiday at his Mar-a-Lago estate, while Vice President-elect Mike Pence will spend Thanksgiving in Mississippi, where his Marine son is stationed.

Trump has largely remained out of sight since winning the election, save for a flurry of brief public appearances over the weekend, often with Pence at his side, to flash thumbs-ups and provide quick updates on his progress in building a government. He remained in the upper floors of his skyscraper Monday, seeking counsel on the phone and interviewing candidates all while keeping an eye on the cable news coverage of the day's events.

He appeared in a two-and-a-half minute video released late Monday in which he pledged to the American people that he was appointing "patriots" to his administration and reiterated a number of his campaign promises, including plans to renegotiate trade deals, scrap excessive regulations and institute a five-year ban on executive officials becoming lobbyists.

The video—which made no mention of key pledges to build a border wall with Mexico or repeal the Affordable Care Act—continues the president-elect's practice of

trying to go over the heads of the media and take his case directly to the American public. Since Election Day, he has twice ditched the group of reporters designated to follow his movements and has so far eschewed the traditional news conference held by the president-elect in the days after winning.

Trump has not held a full-fledged news conference since July.

But the media were clearly on his mind as he met with executives and on-air personalities from TV networks. He frequently singled out the media—declaring them "so dishonest"—for criticism during the campaign, but it's not unusual for presidents to hold off-the-record meetings with journalists when trying to promote policies or programs.

Among the attendees were NBC anchor Lester Holt and "Meet the Press" host Chuck Todd, ABC's "Good Morning America" host George Stephanopoulos and anchor David Muir, CBS' "Face the Nation" host John Dickerson, CNN's Wolf Blitzer and several executives at the networks.

None of the attendees would discuss the meeting with reporters in the lobby, though Conway said it was "very cordial, very productive, very congenial."

Those Trump met with over the weekend included former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a former critic now being considered for secretary of state; retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, who Trump dubbed an "impressive" prospect for defense secretary, and billionaire investor Wilbur Ross, who is under consideration for Commerce secretary.

"We've made a couple of deals," Trump said Sunday. He gave assurances that "incredible meetings" would be bringing "incredible people" into the government.

Official: 6 dead in bus crash

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—Bloodied students lay on stretchers, while other children walked away dazed with their parents after an elementary school bus crash that killed six Monday in Chattanooga.

Chattanooga police Chief Fred Fletcher said the crash was “every public safety professional’s worst nightmare.”

The bus was carrying 35 children from Woodmore Elementary, students in kindergarten through fifth grade, when it crashed about 3:30 p.m., turned on its side and wrapped around a tree.

Fletcher said police were interviewing the bus driver to determine what happened and told reporters later that investigators were looking at speed “very, very strongly” as a factor. The bus was the only vehicle involved but the crash scene covers a significant area, he said.

The National Transportation Safety Board tweeted that a team would be heading to Chattanooga on Tuesday morning to investigate.

Police: Woman admits abduction for ransom; victim found dead

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—A woman acknowledged kidnapping a woman she knew and picking up a \$250,000 ransom that authorities handed over in hopes of the safe return of the victim, but her body was found along a rural road two days later, a police report said Monday.

Police tailed and arrested Theresa Wiltse, 49, after she got the ransom for Sandra Harris, 69, at a gourmet grocery store Friday night, the document said.

“Theresa confessed to being part of the kidnapping,” along with two men she identified only as “Jose” and “Jesus,” the report said.

But her “role appears to be

Idaho man hit by car, falls 50 feet into icy river, survives

SALEM, Oregon (AP)—An Idaho man not only survived being hit by a car on an icy interstate highway bridge but also a 50-foot-fall into a river and a swim through its frigid waters with a badly broken leg, authorities said.

Steven Arrasmith, 34, said the image in his mind of his 7-month-old son drove him to keep swimming for shore through the strong current in the Snake River in the dark.

He finally reached an island near the Oregon-Idaho border and awaited rescuers, unable to pull his legs and feet out of the water because of his broken left leg.

“Basically, when I hit the water I was, ‘OK, I’ve got to



A disaster response team bus arrives at the scene of a fatal school bus wreck in Chattanooga, Tenn., Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

Twenty-three students were taken to hospitals, Fletcher said, but he did not have information about the extent of their injuries. Media reported it took about two hours to get the last children off the bus.

Television stations reported that people lined up to donate blood and some donors were asked to make appointments for Tuesday.

Kirk Kelly, interim superintendent for Hamilton County schools, said classes would be held on Tuesday, with coun-

selors available for students and staff.

Hamilton County District Attorney Neal Pinkston told media outlets that five people died at the scene and one died at the hospital. Melydia Clewell, the district attorney’s spokeswoman, confirmed the number.

Chattanooga police Assistant Chief Tracy Arnold said officials would not identify the students who died, or their ages, until parents were notified.

“Our hearts go out, as well as the hearts of all these people behind me, to the families, the neighborhood, the school, for all the people involved in this, we assure you we are doing everything we can,” Fletcher said.

“much bigger than she claims,” police wrote, adding that blood was found in the back-seat of Wiltse’s vehicle and it was being analyzed.

Harris appeared to have suffered a gunshot wound, but an autopsy will be conducted later this week to establish when and how she died, prosecutors said. A driver found Sandra Harris’ body Sunday in arid scrubland along a road south of Kennewick, off Interstate 82.

The kidnapping was not random—Wiltse knew the victim and her husband, Randy Harris, who owns a pawn shop in the city of Kennewick called Ace Jewelry and Loan, authorities said.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION As of November 23, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Tai Su International Dev., Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Ocean View Resort Complex	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
2. Rota Department of Public Works	09/28/2016 RMS-2016-X-086	Coral Quarry Pit (Mining & Operations)	Iguia, Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*
3. Docomo Pacific	09/26/2016 S/T/RMS-2016-X-083	Fiber Optic Cable Installation	Saipan, Tinian, & Rota	Major Siting	Certified Complete 10/12/2016
4. Department of Public Works	9/29/2016 SMS-2016-X-088	Route 33, Beach Road Improvement Project	Beach Road, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
5. Cai Lingli dba. Proper Grand	10/14/2016 SMS-2017-X-003	Chalan Laulau Dormitories	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
6. Saipan A-Venture, LLC	10/27/2016 SLRm-2017-X-009	Snorkeling	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 11/14/2016
7. Micronesia Resort Dormitory Dba. Kensington Hotel	10/14/2016 SMS-85-X-25 Amendment 2017-1	Well drilling	San Roque, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review
8. IT&E	10/24/2016 STRWSPIn-99-X-247 Amendment 2017-2	Fiber Optic Cable System Installation (Residential)	Island Wide, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Under Review
9. Cai Lingli dba. Proper Grand	11/3/2016 SMS-2017-X-010	Sugar King Hotel & Dormitory	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
10. Bridge Investment Group	11/10/2016 TPIIn-2017-X-012	Temporary Ponding Basin	Tinian Harbor	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 11/10/2016
11. Manasses S. Borja	11/10/2016 SLR-2017-X-013	Vessel Removal	Lower Base, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 11/16/2016
12. Axe Murderer Tours, LLC	11/15/2016 SSLR-2017-X-014	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 11/16/2016
13. Saipan Sunset Cruise, Inc.	11/15/2016 SPI-2017-X-015	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 11/17/2016
14. Imperial Pacific International	11/14/2016 SS-2017-X-016	Habitat Restoration & Conservation Plan	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review*
15. J&K Marine Sports	11/14/2016 SSLR-2017-X-017	10th Annual Chagi Cup Wakeboard Competition	Susupe, Saipan	Shoreline, Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 11/17/2016
16. Department of Land & Natural Resource	11/21/2016 SS-2017-X-018	Boat facility parking	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review*

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



Northern Marianas Humanities Council

Navigating the Human Experience

Vacancy Announcement

Board of Directors

Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce two vacancies on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council’s mission is to “foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth.”

The Council’s board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council’s mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council’s mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Frankie M. Eliptico, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the Council’s office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, 30 November 2016**. For additional information, please contact the Council’s Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council’s website at www.northernmariashumanities.org.

Asia

Offshore quake causes tsunami worries

TOKYO (AP)—Coastal residents fled to higher ground as a powerful earthquake sent a series of moderate tsunamis toward Japan's northeastern shore Tuesday and fueled concerns about the Fukushima nuclear power plant destroyed by a much larger tsunami five years ago.

Lines of cars snaked away from the coast in the predawn hours after authorities issued a tsunami warning and urged residents to seek higher ground immediately. The warning was lifted nearly four hours later.

The magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck in the same region that was devastated by a tsunami that followed a much larger magnitude 9.0 quake in 2011, killing some 18,000 people. The U.S. Geological Survey measured Tuesday's quake at 6.9.

At least 12 people were reported injured, and Japanese TV images showed items scattered on the floor in a store, and books that had fallen from shelves in a library. The earthquake shook buildings in Tokyo, 240 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of the epicenter.

In some areas, water could be seen rushing up rivers, which funnel tsunamis to a greater height, but it remained well within flood embankments. It was eerily reminiscent of the 2011 disaster, when much larger tsunamis rushed up rivers and overflowed, wiping away entire neighborhoods.

The first tsunami waves hit about one hour after the earthquake. The highest one, 1.4 meters (4.6 feet) in height, reached Sendai Bay about



In this image made from video released by Miyagi Prefectural Police, the water flows up river in the Sunaoshi River in Tagajo, Miyagi prefecture, northern Japan, as a tsunami warning is issued following a strong earthquake Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. AP

two hours after the quake.

The operator of the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant said there were no abnormalities observed at the plant, though a swelling of the tide of up to 1 meter was detected offshore.

The plant was swamped by the 2011 tsunami, sending three reactors into meltdown and leaking radiation into the surrounding area. The plant is being decommissioned but the situation remains serious as the utility figures out how to remove still-radioactive fuel rods and debris and what to do with the melted reactor cores.

Plant operator TEPCO said a pump that supplies cooling water to a spent fuel pool at the nearby Fukushima Dai-ni plant stopped working, but that a backup pump had been launched to restore cooling water to the pool. Both plants are run by Tokyo-based TEPCO.

Naohiro Masuda, head of TEPCO's decommissioning

unit, said he believes that the pump was shut off automatically by a safety system as the water in the pool shook.

He said decommissioning work at the destroyed Dai-ichi plant had been temporarily suspended because of the earthquake.

For many, the early morning jolt brought back memories of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

"I remembered 3/11," Kazuhiro Onuki said by phone, referring to the March 11 date of the 2011 disaster. "It really came back. And it was so awful. The sways to the side were huge. But nothing fell from shelves."

The 68-year-old former librarian is from Tomioka, a town that became a no-go zone because of radiation contamination. He was staying at what he calls one of his temporary homes on Tuesday.

"I felt again that we should not have nuclear power," he said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Strong quake strikes off New Zealand; no reports of damage

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A strong earthquake has struck off the coast of New Zealand's North Island but there have been no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The magnitude 5.6 quake on Tuesday was centered about 200 kilometers (120 miles) northeast of the capital Wellington, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was at a relatively shallow depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles). The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue a tsunami warning. New Zealand was last week hit with a powerful magnitude 7.8 quake near the coastal South Island town of Kaikoura that killed two people.

Pakistan says Indian fire kills 4 civilians in Kashmir

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's military says Indian shelling has targeted several villages in Kashmir, killing four civilians and wounding 10. The army statement on Monday said Pakistan fired back. There was no immediate comment from India. Pakistan and India have been trading fire in recent weeks in the Himalayan region, which is divided between the two nuclear-armed neighbors and claimed by both in its entirety.

Cambodia opposition ends boycott of parliament

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodia's opposi-

tion party ended a six-month boycott of the parliament Tuesday, saying it wants to ensure the national budget for 2017 is debated properly in the house. The Cambodia National Rescue Party had stopped attending parliamentary sessions after its members were stripped of their parliamentary immunity and confronted with lawsuits by Prime Minister Hun Sen's government. The opposition and human rights groups say the cases against the opposition are politically motivated, mounted to harass them. Eng Chhai Eang, a senior opposition lawmaker, said ahead of the National Assembly session that the party's position remains unchanged but it wants a political truce with the ruling party.

World

Japan PM says TPP meaningless without US as Trump nixes pact

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Japan's prime minister said Monday the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal would be "meaningless" without U.S. participation, as Donald Trump announced he planned to quit the pact.

Shinzo Abe's comment came shortly before the U.S. president-elect released a short video about his plans for his administration, including an intention to have the United States drop out of the TPP pact.

"I am going to issue a notification of intent to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a potential disaster for our country," Trump said. "Instead, we will negotiate fair, bilateral trade deals that bring jobs and industry back



Abe

"TPP is meaningless without the United States," he said at a news conference during an official visit to Argentina.

He also said the pact couldn't be renegotiated. "This would disturb the fundamental balance of benefits."

As Japan's most powerful leader in a decade, Abe had

US accuses 13 Syrians of responsibility for attacks, torture

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United States on Monday accused 13 Syrian commanders and prison officials of responsibility for attacks on cities, residential areas and civilian infrastructure as well as acts of torture.

U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power read out the names of Maj. Gen. Adib Salameh, Brig. Gen. Adnan Aboud Hilweh, Maj. Gen. Jawdat Salbi Mawas, Col. Suhail Hassan, and Maj. General Tahir Hamid Khalil at a Security Council meeting, saying the international community is watching "and one day they will be held accountable."

"Across Syria, Russia and the Assad regime are waging a campaign that includes sieges, the blocking

of humanitarian aid, the indiscriminate bombardment of civilian areas, and the use of barrel bombs," she said. The United States also knows where torture allegedly takes place in Syria, she said, citing four military intelligence branches, the Air Force Intelligence Investigation Branch in Mezzeh military airport, and the Tishreen and Harasta military hospitals.

Power named eight commanding officers and prison officials who work at these facilities saying the United States "will continue fighting to hold them accountable for their hateful crimes."

Pope allows all priests to absolve 'grave sin' of abortion

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Saying nothing is beyond the reach of God's mercy, Pope Francis told Catholics worldwide he is allowing all priests to absolve the faithful of abortion—women and health workers alike—even while stressing that it is a grave sin in the eyes of the church to "end an innocent life."

In an Apostolic Letter made public Monday, Francis said he was extending indefinitely the special permission he had granted to all rank-and-file priests during the just ended Holy Year of Mercy.

"There is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled" with God, the pope

wrote in the 10-page letter, signed Sunday, the day the Holy Year ended.

But, he added: "I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life."

Because the Roman Catholic Church holds abortion to be such a serious sin, absolution had long been a matter for a bishop, who could either hear the woman's confession himself or delegate it to a priest considered an expert in such situations, a potentially intimidating scenario for many of the faithful.

In his letter, the pope appeared to acknowledge that "Lest any obstacle arise between the request for recon-

onto American shores."

Abe spoke after attending a weekend meeting of Asia-Pacific leaders in Peru at which some said they might try to modify the 12-nation TPP pact to make it more appealing to Trump or seek to implement it without the U.S.

But Abe discounted the idea of going ahead without the Americans being a part of the deal.

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ciliation and God's forgiveness," he wrote, "I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion."

A top Vatican official, Monsignor Rino Fisichella, told a news conference at the Vatican on Monday that the pope's words applied to all those who were involved in an abortion—"from the women to the nurse to the doctor and whoever supports this procedure."

"The sin of abortion is inclusive. Thus forgiveness for the sin of abortion is all-inclusive and extends to all those who are participants in this sin," Fisichella said.

Focus

By SCOTT MAYEROWITZ,
AP AIRLINES WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)— Ever feel like the taxi ride from the airport costs more than the trip there? It's not your imagination.

Airports across the country add surcharges of up to \$5 a ride—typically passed directly on to travelers—for trips originating at their curbs. There are similar charges for limousine, Uber and Lyft drivers as well as shuttle buses for hotels, car rental companies and off-airport parking lots.

Those fees quickly add up, costing travelers more than \$183 million last year at the 50 largest airports in the U.S., according to Associated Press calculations based on data obtained through dozens of public records requests.

"What are we doing that causes the airport to spend more money?" said Kimberly Grubb of Fort Worth, Texas, who was recently awaiting a Lyft pickup at San Francisco International Airport.

"It wouldn't be any different than if we knew people here who could come pick us up," Grubb adds. "It leaves a bad taste in your mouth."

San Francisco has one of the highest pickup fees in the nation: \$5 for taxi rides that originate there and \$3.85 for rides provided by transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft. Asked why the airport needs to charge such fees, spokesman Doug Yakel replied that state and federal regulations allow them.

Airports across the country say the ground transportation fees are necessary so they can pay to maintain the many miles of roads on their properties. The fees also go, in some cases, to hire staff to direct traffic and to dispatch taxis. With the growth of app-based ride services like Uber and Lyft, airports have also constructed new waiting areas and parking lots.

Officials at most airports were reluctant to further explain why they charged the fees except that doing so helps keep airport costs down, which in turn makes it cheaper for airlines to serve the community.

At Washington's Reagan National Airport, taxis have to pay \$3 to access the pickup line, while other services like Uber have to pay \$4. Spokesman Rob Yingling says the airport has very limited space and needs to create waiting areas for the cars as well as pay dispatchers and do road maintenance.

However, San Francisco,



(AP PHOTO/KATHY WILLENS)

In this Wednesday, May 4, 2016, photo, a driver helps a passenger with his belongings while he and other taxis queue up outside the arrivals area at LaGuardia Airport, in New York. Airports across the country add surcharges of up to \$5 a ride, typically passed directly on to travelers, for trips originating at their curbs. There are similar charges for limousine, Uber and Lyft drivers as well as shuttle buses for hotels, car rental companies and off-airport parking lots.

Add this fee to the cost of flying: hailing an airport taxi

Washington and most other airports don't charge private cars to use their roads to pick up family and friends. (There are exceptions—Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport charges at least \$2 just to enter

the airport grounds.)

And it's not just taxi rides that cost money.

You may decide to park your own car at a private parking lot a few blocks away from Los Angeles International Air-

port. There is still a charge—passed on through the lot operator—for the shuttle ride to the airport. In L.A., that ranges from \$2.57 to \$3.85 for each loop around the airport, depending on the size of the

shuttle bus. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport charges off-airport parking lots \$10 per parking space, per year, to operate their shuttles.

Those renting cars aren't immune from the fees either.

Airports with the highest ground transportation surcharges

NEW YORK (AP)—The 50 busiest airports in the U.S. collected more than \$183 million last year from travelers using taxis, shuttle buses or other forms of ground transportation, according to Associated Press calculations from data obtained through dozens of public records requests.	national: \$0.67	ange County: \$0.35	national: \$0.15
	■ Seattle/Tacoma International: \$0.54	■ Lambert-St. Louis International: \$0.34	■ Port Columbus International: \$0.13
	■ Denver International: \$0.54	■ Los Angeles International: \$0.33	■ Tampa International: \$0.12
	■ Boston Logan International: \$0.50	■ Kansas City International: \$0.33	■ Portland International: \$0.12
	■ Detroit Metro Wayne County: \$0.47	■ Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport: \$0.32	■ Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International: \$0.11
	■ Houston William P. Hobby: \$0.46	■ San Francisco International: \$0.31	■ Palm Beach International: \$0.10
	■ Minneapolis-St Paul International: \$0.44	■ Philadelphia International: \$0.30	■ Charlotte Douglas International: \$0.09
	■ Orlando International: \$0.44	■ Miami International: \$0.29	■ New York LaGuardia, JFK and Newark Liberty International: \$0.09
	■ Metropolitan Oakland International: \$0.43	■ Salt Lake City International: \$0.28	■ Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International: \$0.09
	■ Houston George Bush Intercontinental: \$0.43	■ Dallas Love Field: \$0.27	■ Southwest Florida International: \$0.09
	■ Phoenix Sky Harbor International: \$0.41	■ Honolulu International: \$0.25	■ General Mitchell International, Milwaukee: \$0.09
	■ Nashville International: \$0.41	■ San Antonio International: \$0.22	■ Austin-Bergstrom International: \$0.08
	■ Louis Armstrong New Orleans International: \$0.37	■ Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International: \$0.21	■ Cleveland-Hopkins International: \$0.03
	■ San Diego International: \$0.36	■ Indianapolis International: \$0.21	■ Chicago O'Hare International: \$0.02
	■ Pittsburgh International: \$0.36	■ Sacramento International: \$0.15	■ Chicago Midway International: \$0.02
	■ John Wayne Airport-Or-	■ Raleigh-Durham Inter-	

For instance, Las Vegas's McCarran International Airport charges rental car companies a shuttle fee of \$1 for every car rented.

Overall, the highest combined fees per originating passenger were in Las Vegas, the two Washington D.C. airports and Dallas-Fort Worth. (The AP analysis excludes connecting passengers because they don't have a need for ground transportation.)

Las Vegas's airport collected \$17.4 million last year in such fees, which came out to 84 cents per originating passenger, the highest of the 50 largest U.S. airports. That pales compared with the \$11.60 per enplaned passenger the airport collected in landing fees. But the \$2 per taxi pickup fee does add up when the ride from the airport to most hotels is just 10 to 15 minutes.

Washington Dulles International was the next most expensive at 80 cents followed by National at 79 cents and Dallas at 67 cents.

The operator of the three main New York City-area airports is the only large airport system not to charge a pickup fee for taxis, Ubers or limos. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey does charge a fee for off-airport parking lot shuttles and an advertising charge for hotel shuttles, making its average ground transportation fee 9 cents a passenger, one of the lowest in the nation.

Chicago's two airports are the lowest of the 50 largest in the U.S., both averaging about 2 cents per originating passenger.

Karen Pride, director of media relations for the Chicago Department of Aviation, refuses to answer questions about the city's fees. But one possible reason for the lower fees is that many fliers avoid taxis. Both of Chicago's airports are directly connected to the city's subway system. According to data from the Chicago Transit Authority, more than 18,000 people a day use the train to catch their flight. That's nearly one out of every five passengers, according to AP calculations, although the data also captures any airport employees who use the train.

In the age of \$25 bag fees and additional charges to sit together with your loved ones, these extra few dollars might not seem like much. But many fliers are just sick of being charged for every little service, including getting a taxi home.

"For them to just tack on a charge like that is kind of adding insult to injury," says Lee Joseph, a flier from Portland, Oregon. "It's like kicking people while they're down."

Good Housekeeping

How much can you afford to spend for the holidays?

By SUSAN TOMPOR
DETROIT FREE PRESS

Will it be a very merry or a very wary holiday gift-giving season?

So far, many of us have not been able to climb out of the agitated, argumentative state that the presidential election has created in our communities.

Some even might have a

hard time imagining sitting around the table for Thanksgiving dinner.

No matter, bright shiny objects are lining up on store shelves now. Ready. Willing. And more than able to coax consumers into ringing up big bills for the New Year.

Glitter, it would appear, is the next new big thing. Sequined sweaters. Sequins on pants. Sparkles on reindeer.

But if you mindlessly chase all the bling, you could find yourself in a financial squeeze in 2017 when the bill comes due.

Here's how to avoid being tripped up by the gilt this holiday season:

■ Not to be a downer, but aren't you already carrying a big debt load?

Before you play Super Santa and promise more than you can afford, why not re-exam-

ine the bills that are already weighing you down.

We hear talk every year about how the average consumer is likely to spend \$800 or \$900 on the holidays.

The National Retail Federation said Americans plan to spend an average \$935.58 during the holiday shopping season this year.

Nearly six in 10 plan to spend an average of \$139.61

on just themselves—up from 4 percent last year. If so, it would mark the second-highest level of holiday-love that we've lavished on ourselves in the survey's 13-year history.

■ Again, can you afford it?

Is it possible that your holiday budget—based on your income, debt levels and age—should be closer to \$400 or \$500?

One survey suggests that residents of Detroit, for example, can really only afford to spend 39 percent of what the average shopper in the rest of the country can afford.

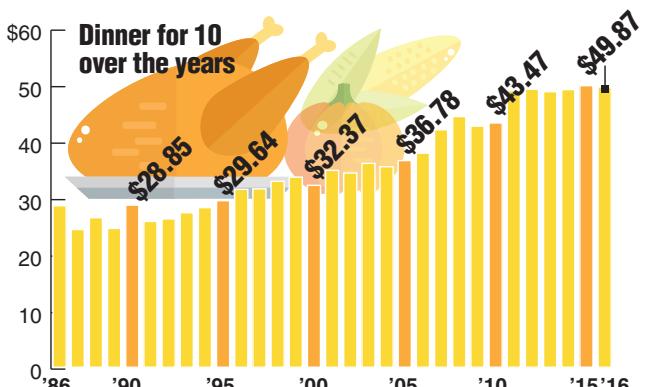
WalletHub ran the numbers for 570 cities—reviewing income, age, the debt-to-income ratio, the monthly income-to-monthly expenses ratio and a savings-to-monthly expenses ratio.

Thanksgiving dinner down a tad

The American Farm Bureau Federation's survey of classic items found on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table indicates the average cost of this year's feast for 10 is \$49.87, a 24-cent decrease from last year's average of \$50.11.



Dinner for 10	2015 price	2016 price	Change
16-pound turkey	\$23.04	\$22.74	-\$0.30
Pumpkin pie mix, 30 oz.	3.20	3.13	-\$0.07
Milk, 1 gallon whole	3.25	3.17	-\$0.08
1-pound relish tray	.79	.73	-\$0.06
Misc. ingredients	3.18	2.81	-\$0.37
Rolls, 12	2.25	2.46	+\$0.21
Pie shells (2)	2.47	2.59	+\$0.12
Green peas	1.52	1.58	+\$0.06
Fresh cranberries, 12 oz.	2.29	2.39	+\$0.10
Whipping cream, 1/2 pint	1.94	2.00	+\$0.06
Cubed stuffing, 14 oz.	2.61	2.67	+\$0.06
Sweet potatoes, 3 lbs.	3.57	3.60	+\$0.03
TOTAL	\$50.11	\$49.87	-\$0.24



Source: American Farm Bureau Federation

Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

COMFORT FOOD

Holiday Brunch Scalloped Potatoes

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Something special for the breakfast brunch this holiday season!

3 cups (10 ounces) shredded loose-packed frozen potatoes

1/2 cup finely chopped onion

1 full cup (6 ounces) diced Dubuque 97 percent fat-free ham or any extra-lean ham

3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded Kraft reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

1 (10 3/4-ounce) can Healthy Request Cream of Mushroom Soup

1/4 cup fat-free milk

1 teaspoon dried parsley

flakes

2 hard-boiled eggs, diced

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine potatoes, onion, ham and Cheddar cheese. Add mushroom soup, milk and parsley flakes. Mix well to combine. Fold in eggs.

3. Spread mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake for 45 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set 5 minutes. Divide into 4 servings.

HINT: Raw shredded potatoes, rinsed and patted dry, may be used in place of frozen potatoes.

IN GOD'S LOVING CARE

† Lydia Mendiola Diaz Calvo

LOVINGLY KNOWN AS "DIDANG"

08/27/1949- 11/18/2016



In her new life, she now joins her:

Father: +Juan Camacho Diaz
Mother: +Maria Quichocho Mendiola Diaz
Father In-Law: +Roberto Taitano Calvo
Mother In-Law: +Calistra Songao Calvo

Her memory will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Julian Songao Calvo Sr.
Children: Genie D. / Jesse Mafnas (Jonathon, Jessygene), Evangeline C./ Francisco Muna (Michon, Giovanni, Desirae, Monaline, Dominica, Maximo, Franny, Frankie, Rolanie, Francisco Jr.), Julian-Jr. / Marcia Calvo (Jhena, Jerrold, Jasmine, Julian-III, Jacob, +James, Joshua, John), Geraldine C./ Alejo Mendiola Jr. (Alejo Jr., Aldine, Newt Jake, Andrea Lydia) Delbert/Erma Calvo (Bridgett, Brenda) Lovey Ann/Olen Jacob (Julenolf, Anidia, Taytum)



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Canice Patrick M./Helen Diaz
Luise D. / Justino Torres
Victor Luis / Shanna Diaz
Hermes / Mindy Diaz
Dyenina Diaz / Vaughn Wonenberg
Nino Christopher / Gilane Diaz
Prince John Diaz

Recitation of the holy rosary is being prayed daily at 12:00 pm at the Calvo Residence (Rota) and at 8:00 pm at the San Francisco de Borja Church.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Her remains will be escorted from the Divine Mercy Chapel to San Francisco de Borja Church at 6:30 am. Responsorial services and recitation of the holy rosary will take place upon arrival. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am followed by interment services at the San Jose Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers
Si Yu's Ma'ase – Thank You
Julian S. Calvo Sr., Children, & Family

How to navigate uncomfortable questions at Thanksgiving dinner

By ANDREEA CIULAC
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q: At Thanksgiving dinner, inevitably, someone presses for details on your love life. You're single. How to handle that awkward conversation?

Start by being proactive and offering some of the activities that are keeping you busy. Your love life isn't front and center as a glaring spot of what's missing. When they ask you, reply with something like, "Actually, I'm loving life, and it's going fine."

If they continue their ques-

tioning, you can be direct and say, "It's not something I am comfortable talking about" and try to change the topic. Don't allow yourself to sink to their level or resort to hostility.

Just put the boundary in place, and stay respectful. You can take yourself out of the situation by excusing yourself to the bathroom or to get a drink.

As far as questions about an ex, put it out there right out of the gate. Let them know you're no longer together:

"Just to give you a heads-up, Joe and I are no longer an item. It just didn't work out."

Don't go into the details.—Dr. Jane Greer, marriage therapist and author of five books about navigating relationships

Be honest with people about where you are. We tend to assume that these conversations will be awkward and upsetting, but I've found that they allow us to actually be open to some great advice. Who knows, maybe the person has someone in mind to set you up with.

So what does it look like to be real?

You can say, "I'm dating a lot, and it's been going well. I



How should you handle questions about your love life at Thanksgiving dinner?

DREAMSTIME

just haven't found my person yet." If you're feeling stuck in your love life and don't feel you want to dive into it with anyone, keep your response general and close down the conversation the best you can.

With conversations about an ex, give a simple reply like, "Nope, I haven't seen him, but I hope he is doing well." If someone feels intrusive, it's OK to switch seats or talk with someone else sitting around you.

—Jamie Mendell, lifestyle and holistic coach

In Celebration of His New Life Dr. Calistro Camacho Cabrera

October 16, 1930 - November 16, 2016

Parents: Ramon Taisague Cabrera
Concepcion Camacho Cabrera

Brothers, Sisters and In-laws:

†Antonio C. Cabrera / †Carmen DLG. Cabrera-Gumba
†Maria C. Seman / †Joaquin M. Seman
†Jose C. Cabrera / †Remedios S. Cabrera
†Lucia C. Cabrera
†Gregorio C. Cabrera / †Escolastica T. Cabrera
†Carmen C. Acosta / †Francisco N. Acosta
†Vicente Sablan / Victoria D. Sablan
†Rosario S. Palacios / †Nicolas T. Palacios
†Mariano Sablan / Antonia B. Sablan

Daily Mass of Intentions for the repose of his soul are being celebrated at

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral	6:00am
San Vicente Church	6:00pm
Kristo Rai Church	6:00am
Holy Rosary-Cathedral	7:00pm

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, November 25, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Interment Service will take place at Sanctuario PAX Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers

Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase - Olomwaay

The Family



Dr. Calistro Camacho Cabrera, known to family and friends as "Tan Kaling" or "Kaling", to his former colleagues in the medical profession as "CC". Dr. Cabrera lived a very religious and compassionate life. His passion in his medical career is testimonial by over forty plus years that he served as medical officer (MO) before retiring.

In his much younger years, he responded to the "call to serve" by pursuing to be trained as a medical officer during the Trust Territory era. The many thousands of patients that he saw would agree that Dr. Cabrera made a difference in their lives whether it be a tiny cut, a minor cough, an ear infection or a heart murmur.

Moreover, he was a great family man who instilled our faith in God and Mother Mary throughout our lives. Many family members may recall the yearly devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Santo Nino. Family and friends would gather at his former residence in Chalan Kanoa across from Mt Carmel Cathedral. This is the time when family members from far and near would see each other and be bonded again. Tan Kaling was very well respected. He was the father figure to his extended family who nurtured with family values of faith, hope and love.

He was always there to lend a hand or give advice. He was also a peacemaker. He had lived a full life. Dr. Cabrera lives behind a legacy that shall remain in our hearts forever. May he rest in peace.

Life & Style



Fast-talking 'Gilmore Girls' returns; mad binging forecast

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The familiar voices float softly from a black screen, as if in a dream.

There's Luke, gruffly: "How many cups have you had this morning?"

Kelly Bishop, from left, Alexis Bledel and Lauren Graham arrive at the premiere of "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life" on Friday, Nov. 18, 2016, in Los Angeles. AP

And this parent-child banter: "Did you do something slutty?" Rory teasingly asks her mom. "I'm not THAT happy," shoots back Lorelai.

Thankfully, it's not imagined. It's the reality of "Gilmore Girls," returning Friday after a nine-year absence, during which longtime fans pined for what they'd lost and newcomers discovered what they'd missed through reruns.

Opening-credit snippets of the show's hallmark dialogue kick off Netflix's sequel to the 2000-07 broadcast series with a promise: the characters, their snappy banter and the show's key notes will be honored.

But the four-part "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life" is aimed at more than true believers, creator Amy Sherman-Palladino said in an interview.

"We want it to be something that fans are going to know, but if you haven't watched 'Gilmore' you can come to it fresh and take it on face value: It's a story of three women, an intergenerational, multigenerational story, and you are catching them at times that each of their lives is changing."

That trio around which the universe rotates consists of devoted single mom Lorelai Gilmore (Lauren Graham), her equally devoted daughter Rory (Alexis Bledel) and stern grandmother Emily (Kelly Bishop). As the first chapter opens, Lorelai and Rory are still the belles of fictional Connecticut hamlet Stars Hollow—so perfect, quips Lorelai, it belongs in a snow globe.

Luke (Scott Patterson), Lorelai's on-again, off-again love is here, as are the supporting characters who gave the show, well, character. That includes official town nudge Taylor (now lobbying for a sewer system); reliably idiosyncratic Kirk (he's just launched Ooober, a non-app version of Uber) and even, in one episode, buoyant chef Sookie (courtesy of film star Melissa McCarthy's return to her TV roots).

Whatever bliss viewers find in the girl-power dramedy's resurrection may be exceeded only by that of Sherman-Palladino, who wrote and produced it with Dan Palladino, her husband and creative partner on the sequel and the original.

"It was literally like no time had passed," Sherman-Palladino told a TV critics' news conference. "It was joyous. It was fun. It was exhilarating. It was the old show. ... It was just like it was meant to continue."

Graham sees "Gilmore Girls" as a welcome refuge from hard-edged TV and our prickly modern reality in general.

"I think it's because it's extremely comforting in a world that is lacking comfort and has a great choice of shows available that are stressful—great, but stressful, and so this kind of stands out in the way that it did then," she said.

There's a sad shadow, however, cast by the passing of family head Richard Gilmore. That reflects the December 2014 death of Edward Herrmann, the respected actor who played him in the original series.

"We all really felt his loss, and he would have loved it (working on the sequel) so much," Graham said in an interview. "But I think the way the story is handled is a really nice tribute to him."

The 90-minute episodes follow the seasons and are titled for each, starting with "Winter." While Lorelai and Emily face Richard's death in their own way, they also find their relationship affected by it.

Rory's romantic past is a factor as all of her ex-boyfriends appear in the series "one way or another," said Bledel. So is the character's journalism career, and while Bledel is aware that her character's love life intrigues viewers, she'd like them to consider the complete young woman.

"There is so much more to her character that it's great when people focus on those things, on her ambition and her accomplishments and her goals," the actress said.

Given that all the episodes will be made available at once on streaming service Netflix, Sherman-Palladino sees trouble on the horizon.

After holding close the four words she's long said should end the Gilmore saga (she wasn't in charge of the show's last season on the CW network), she wants viewers to avoid spoiling the experience, either by posting the phrase or by impatiently jumping to the final scene.

"It's going to mean a lot more if you've taken the journey, and it's going to mean a lot less if you just flip to the last page. ... It's a fun trip. It's worth it," she said.

And does it end with "A Year in the Life"? Sherman-Palladino plays verbal dodge-ball with the question: "It's what it is right now. We put these together. We told these stories. And now we throw them out to the universe."

In Loving Memory of

Connie Norita Taisacan

Born on August 14, 1947, called to her eternal home on November 12, 2016.

In her new life she now joins her

Father: †Juan Quitugua Norita
Mother: †Maria Baletu Norita
Step-Mother: †Ana Manglona Norita
Brother: †Isidro M. Norita
Sons: †Anthony N. Taisacan
 †Norbert N. Taisacan
Grandson: †Angel Mikay T. Vilante
Great Grandson: †Blake Anthony P. Taisacan
Father-in-law: †Jose Atalig Taisacan
Mother-in-law: †Rosa Lizama Taisacan
Sister-in-law: †Antonia Masga Tudela

Her memories will live on in her

Husband: Antonio Lizama Taisacan
Children, Grand-Children, and Great Grand-Children:
 Marilyn Rose N. Taisacan
 Earl IV, Isabella, Khonnie, Tony Joe
 Remedio Remae N. Taisacan
 Peter, Jessica (Kayden)
 Anthony Milton N. & Victoria Taisacan
 Noah, John (Naomi Faith), Madeleine, Cullen, Mariella
 Marty John N. & Gwendolyn Taisacan
 Kobe, Anthony Knox (Savannah Rose), Nathaniel, Halia, Marty Jr., Ethan
 Jenny Joyce Keiom N. & Michael Vilante
 Brittney, Alyssa

Reared Daughter: Michelle C. Norita

Brothers & Sisters: Mateo B. Norita & Family
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 Antonio Naog & Family
 Frances & Danny Aflleje & Family
 Maria Linda M. Norita & Family
 †Isidro M. Norita & Family
 Bernadita N. & Moshen Sondossi & Family
 Jose M. & Penelope Norita & Family
 Lourdes N. Hodge
 Serafin M. Norita & Soledad P. Magofna
 Remedio M. Norita
 Elizabeth M. Norita & Family

She will also be remembered by numerous Brothers/Sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Daily Eucharistic celebration for the repose of her soul are being celebrated at San Jose Church every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 6:00am, 6:00pm. on Wednesday and on Sunday at 7:30am. Mass is also celebrated at Santa Remedios Church at 6:00pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, November 28, 2016. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am. followed by Interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers,

Ton L. Taisacan, Children and Family



Bono recruits Julia Roberts, Channing Tatum for AIDS fight

NEW YORK (AP)—If you donate at least \$10 to Bono's charity (RED), the singer is giving you a chance to drink tea with him and Julia Roberts, enjoy a private concert from U2 or party in Las Vegas with "Magic Mike" star Channing Tatum.

Those are three of the "experiences" donors can possibly win after giving money to (RED), which raises funds to fight AIDS. The campaign dubbed "(RED) SHOPATHAN," in its second year, launches Tuesday, one week before World AIDS Day,

which is Dec. 1.

"It is a battle now for funding. It's just a street battle, pitch battle, and we have to keep this stuff in the news or literally those people don't get the drugs. It's that simple," Bono said in an interview with The Associated Press last week. "We have to just remind people that America has led the war on this tiny little virus and is winning the war, but it is unthinkable, but it is possible, that if we stall on funding then we start to undo all this good work."

Other "experiences" that

can be earned after donating on Omaze.com/RED include a night out with Neil Patrick Harris; tickets to see Broadway's "Hamilton" and backstage access with show star Javier Munoz; a Snapchat and jet ski adventure with DJ Khaled; and a studio hangout with One Direction's Liam Payne.

The campaign will return to "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" for a full show on Tuesday night, where Bono, The Killers, Herbie Hancock, DJ Khaled and Halsey will perform, while special guests include Rob-



In this Nov. 17, 2016 file photo, Channing Tatum arrives at the 2nd Annual StyleMakers Awards in West Hollywood, Calif. AP

erts, Tatum, Patrick Harris and Kristen Bell.

Bono will sing a re-worked version of Cole Porter's "Well, Did You Evah!" and the Killers will perform Christmas songs.

"The Killers are doing

Christmas songs to end all Christmas songs," Bono said with a laugh, "which actually, believe or not, has me singing 'if you don't help people with AIDS you're going to hell.'"

"I wrote that line," Kimmel said during the interview about

the original song, written with Brandon Flowers of The Killers. "But that's true—if you don't help people with AIDS you are going to hell, and that seems like a good enough reason to help alone. I mean, just think of yourselves."

Last year's campaign offered donors a visit to the set of "Game of Thrones," walking a red carpet with Meryl Streep and spending time with George Clooney. This year's offers also include flying to Korea to hang out with K-Pop star G-Dragon and a "VIP Virgin event experience" with Virgin Group founder Richard Branson. Entries close on January 18, 2017.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Naya Rivera files for divorce from husband of 2 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actress Naya Rivera has filed for divorce from actor Ryan Dorsey, her husband of two years. Rivera, who starred on the Fox musical series "Glee," cited irreconcilable differences for their breakup. Rivera filed for divorce on Nov. 15 in Los Angeles Superior Court and it was first reported Monday by celebrity website TMZ. She is seeking sole custody of their 1-year-old son. Her filing states the pair's assets will be divided by an agreement they signed after marrying in July 2014. Rivera wrote about her relationship with Dorsey in her book "Sorry Not Sorry" that was released earlier this year. After her first relationship with Dorsey ended, she began dating rapper Big Sean before they endured a very public breakup. A few months later, the 29-year-old actress married Dorsey.

Rockwell painting on 1944 election fetches \$6.5 million

NEW YORK (AP)—A painting by Norman Rockwell that depicts the undecided voter sentiment during the 1944 presidential election—much like the 2016 race—has sold for \$6.5 million at an auction of American art in New York. "Which One? (Undecided; Man in Voting Booth)" shows a man standing in a voting booth clutching a newspaper while pondering the choice between Democratic President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Republican Thomas E. Dewey. It was sold at Sotheby's on Monday and just topped its high pre-sale estimate of \$6 million. The painting came from the estate of horse racing executive Ogden Mills Phipps, who acquired it in 1985. Rockwell is best known for his covers of The Saturday Evening Post that capture the spirit and popular culture of everyday American life.

Dave Chappelle to unleash 3 Netflix comedy specials in 2017

NEW YORK (AP)—Comedian Dave Chappelle is headed back to TV with his first concert specials in a dozen years—a trio of specials to be released on Netflix simultaneously in 2017. No exact date was given by Netflix, which said one of the specials is being produced exclusively for the network. Two additional never-before-seen specials "come directly from Chappelle's personal comedy vault," Netflix said. Chappelle's comedy career includes movie roles in "The Nutty Professor," "Con Air" and "Blue Streak." In 2003, he achieved heightened fame and critical acclaim as mastermind of his Comedy Central sketch series, "Chappelle's Show," until his abrupt exit in its third season. Earlier this month, he made his hosting debut on NBC's "Saturday Night Live," mixing one-liners with serious jabs at race relations and politics.

Live from New York! The elevators to Trump's residence

NEW YORK (AP)—The three golden elevator doors in the Trump Tower lobby have turned into the most unlikely television feature.

C-SPAN is carrying a near-constant video feed across from the elevator bank, catching people as they arrive for and depart from meetings with President-elect Donald Trump at his residence. Monday offered star-gazing potential as television news personalities were summoned—and an unexpected performance from New York's Naked Cowboy.

It all seemed natural, considering the unseen star is the nation's first elected president who was once a TV reality star.

"This is for people who love watching a government

in transition," said C-SPAN spokesman Howard Mortman, "or who love watching a bank of elevators."

The feed comes from the television network pool set up by reporters on stakeout duty in the lobby below the president-elect's residence. Most of the time the camera shot is fixed in place, focusing on the elevator doors and a golden security desk with a "TT" insignia.

C-SPAN began showing it last Wednesday, airing nearly 23 hours of the doors last week. The stream is shown constantly on C-SPAN's website, with highlights on the TV network itself, say when somebody decides to address reporters' questions.

On Monday, ABC's George

Stephanopoulos stepped off an elevator and away from the off-camera reporters. CNN's Wolf Blitzer walked across the lobby in front of the waiting media.

"Wolf, how was the meeting?" someone asked, and Blitzer ignored the question.

Television news stars and executives were invited on two days' notice to the off-the-record meeting. Lester Holt and Chuck Todd came from NBC News; John Dickerson, Charlie Rose and Gayle King from CBS; David Muir and Martha Radatz from ABC News. Top television news executives like ABC's James Goldston, CNN's Jeff Zucker and Fox News' Bill Shine and Jack Abernethy also attended.

The way to make friends is to be a good one yourself

DEAR ABBY: I am a 9-year-old girl in third grade. I have problems making friends. Girls my age and older don't like me much. Boys my age and older seem to be fine.

It's important I get help in making girl friends. I have three hopeless brothers I really don't like. My mom said I should tell you what I do like—math, science, dolls and TV. I have crazy hair.

Did you have this problem when you were my age? I think people think I'm weird.

YOUNG READER IN KOKOMO, IND.

DEAR YOUNG READER: Your mother is a smart woman. She knows how important common interests can be in forming relationships. Because you like math, science, dolls and TV, gravitate toward girls who like them, too. If you do, you may find that some of them are receptive. Remember—all you really need is one friend you can confide in.

As to the rest of your question, at your age I wasn't part of the popular crowd. I was shy and terrible at sports, so I spent many hours alone in my room reading books. They kept me company and widened my horizons beyond my immediate neighborhood. People at my grammar school probably thought I was weird, too, but many people who become successful as adults start out that way.

You and I have something else in common. I was self-conscious about my hair, too. It was curly and hard to handle

because I hadn't yet learned to style it. But as I grew older, I learned to manage it—as I'm sure you will. And when I reached my mid-teens I found it easier to make female friends. A valuable lesson I learned was to BE a friend when someone needs one, and to practice character traits I admired in others, such as kindness and honesty.

DEAR ABBY: What should I do about my mother-in-law, who has been bumming money from churches for more than 20 years from Ohio to Florida, even taking trips across the country taking money along the way?

I have contacted every church in our area. But they still give her money, which she blows mostly at casinos and on her non-working boyfriend. I will no longer have anything to do with them, which of course is hard on my wife. Please advise.

OHIO READER

DEAR READER: If you have contacted the clergy in your area about your mother-in-law's scam and they still give her money, you have done everything you can. Because you no longer want anything to do with her and her dead-beat boyfriend, tell your wife she should see them without you. You have my permission.

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without my sharing the

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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traditional prayer penned by my dear mother:

Oh, Heavenly Father,
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.
Have a safe and happy celebration, everyone!

Love, ABBY

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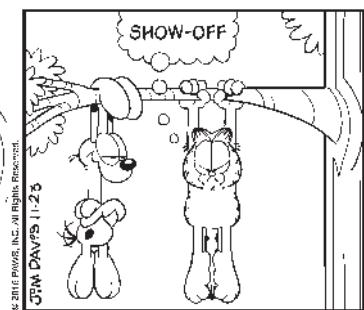
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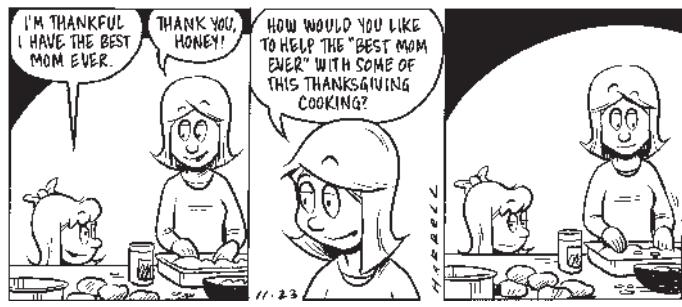


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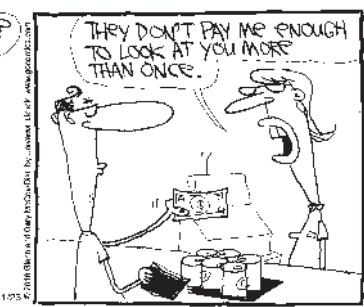
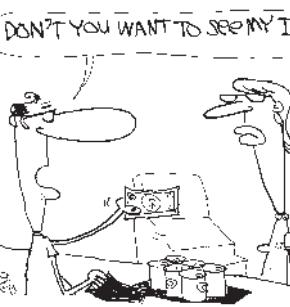
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Miley Cyrus, 24; Salli Richardson-Whitfield, 49; Robin Roberts, 56; Bruce Hornsby, 62.

Happy Birthday: Stick to what matters. Refuse to get sidetracked or wrapped up in something or with someone who has absolutely nothing to offer you in return. Choose your words carefully and make your actions count. Practice being a minimalist and a saver, and the gains you make personally and professionally will change your life and your future. Stay on course and live within your means. Your numbers are 5, 16, 21, 27, 32, 38, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Share your talents with others. You will mesh well with people who share your concerns, allowing you a greater chance of bringing your objective to the forefront. Don't back down when you should be moving forward. Learn from past experiences. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid unnecessary travel. Don't feel pressured to make a snap decision. Focus on what you can do, not on the demands and pressure others are putting on you. Be good to yourself and take time to pamper and rejuvenate. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pick up knowledge and skills that will help you change course and do something new. Try to implement some of the attributes you enjoy using most into a lifestyle or job change. You'll excel if you act fast. **★★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone manipulate you into doing something that isn't

right for you. Too much of anything will lead to disaster. Overspending, taking on the impossible and giving in to pressure is best avoided. **★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make alterations that will improve your life. Learn as you go and gather experience that will help you interact with others personally and professionally. Your ability to make a difference and convince others to join you looks promising. **★★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sharing interests with someone you love will help alleviate your stress and allow you the space you need to rethink your strategies for dealing with trouble. Problems at home will stem from someone else's dishonesty. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep personal information a secret. Sharing too much about your life or your past will cause a rift between you and someone you need to get along with. Choose practical, well-thought-out plans to avoid making a mistake. **★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Helping others is fine, but before you venture down that path, take care of your own needs first. It's important not to leave anything to chance when it comes to your personal finances. Choose wisely and donate time, not cash. **★★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't rely on others to do the work for you. Take control and assume responsibility for what unfolds. Don't give in to anyone who tries to bait you into a discussion that is impossible to win. Opt not to argue. **★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't worry about what everyone else is doing. Use your insight and intelligence to lead you in the right direction. Make romance a priority and try to save for something that will improve your life. **★★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take inventory and make notes of the changes you need to make. A colleague will try to put the blame on you. Be direct and set the record straight. Your honesty will be rewarded with an offer you cannot refuse. **★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't make assumptions. Listen to reason and offer soulful suggestions. Working together to come up with a common denominator that works for everyone should be your plan. Aim for a partnership based on trust, equality and future prospects. **★★★**

Birthday Baby: You are determined, dedicated and practical. You are entertaining and progressive.

Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

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By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle—horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Thompson's splashy scoring leads Warriors past Pacers



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Klay Thompson scored 25 points in 26 minutes and two-time MVP Stephen Curry added 22 points as the Golden State Warriors routed the Indiana Pacers 120-83 on Monday night.

The Warriors (12-2) have won eight straight and kept their starters on the bench for the entire fourth quarter after taking a 29-point lead.

Indiana (7-8) looked tired after earning its first road win Sunday night in overtime at Oklahoma City. The Pacers also played short-handed, with three-time All-Star Paul George, starting center Myles Turner and backup forward C.J. Miles all out with injuries.

Rodney Stuckey led the Pacers with 21 points, but Indiana was never close after the first quarter.

Kevin Durant had 14 points, 11 rebounds and six assists for the Warriors.

Grizzlies 105, Hornets 90

In Charlotte, Mike Conley had 31 points, Marc Gasol flirted with a triple-double and Memphis defeated Charlotte for its fifth straight win.

Conley had five 3-pointers and shot 11 of 21 from the field, including a long 3 with 4 minutes left that thwarted Charlotte's fourth-quarter rally and sent the crowd streaming toward the exits.

Gasol was dominant in the first half and finished with 13 points, nine assists and eight rebounds. The Grizzlies led by 24 at halftime after shooting 58 percent from the field, including 10 of 16 from 3-point range.

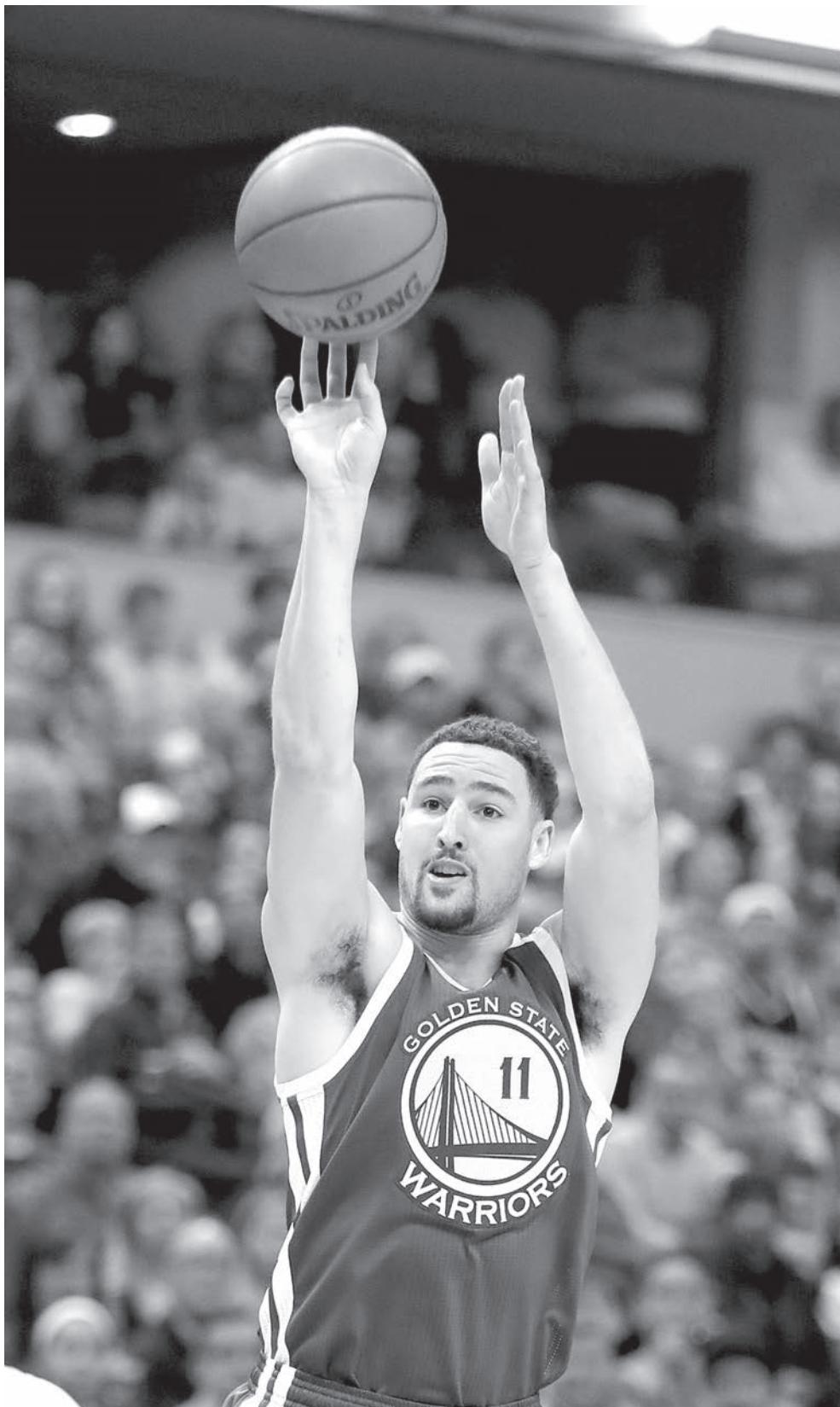
Frank Kaminsky turned in perhaps his best game as a pro for Charlotte, tying a career high with 23 points on 9-of-11 shooting. Kemba Walker had 17 points, snapping a string of 11 straight games with 20 or more.

Sixers 101, Heat 94

In Philadelphia, Joel Embiid had 22 points, including four late free throws, to lead Philadelphia over Miami.

Gerald Henderson added 19 points and Jahlil Okafor had 15 for the 76ers, who won their fourth straight home game. Philadelphia (4-10) has lost 21 in a row on the road.

Hassan Whiteside set a career high with 32 points for the Heat while reaching double digits in rebounds for the 13th consecutive game to start the season. Whiteside, who entered leading the NBA with 16.2 boards per game, finished with 13.



Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson shoots during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Indiana Pacers, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in Indianapolis.

Wizards 106, Suns 101

In Washington, Bradley Beal scored a career-high 42 points and John Wall shook off an awful shooting night with seven key points down the stretch as Washington beat Phoenix.

Beal, who scored 34 points in Saturday's loss to Miami, had 12 points in the third quarter and 14 in the fourth. He shot 14 for 22 and hit five of his 10 3-point attempts.

Wall, who also scored 34 on Saturday, finished with 18 this time. He shot just 6 for 24 but converted a three-point play with 1:08 remaining to give Washington a 102-101 lead.

Devin Booker had 30 points and Eric Bledsoe scored 29 for the Suns, who have lost five of six.

Rockets 99, Pistons 96

In Auburn Hills, James Hard-

en had 28 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds to lift Houston over Detroit.

Clint Capela added 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who won their third straight game.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 26 points and Andre Drummond had 13 points and 16 rebounds for the Pistons, who have lost four in a row.

With the Rockets clinging to a two-point lead and 4.6 seconds to go, Drummond missed two free throws before Harden made one of two. Caldwell-Pope missed a half-court heave at the buzzer.

Celtics 99, Timberwolves 93

In Minneapolis, Isaiah Thomas scored 29 points and Boston rallied from 13 points down in the fourth quarter to beat Minnesota.

Al Horford added 20 points,

six rebounds and five assists for the Celtics, who trailed 81-68 after three. Boston opened the fourth on a 17-0 run to take the lead and held on down the stretch for its second straight win.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 27 points and 18 rebounds for the Timberwolves. Gor-gui Dieng added 20 points and 10 rebounds, but Andrew Wiggins was just 5 for 18 and Minnesota scored three points in the first 9 minutes of the fourth.

Terry Rozier added 12 points off the bench and keyed the Celtics' surge in the first 6 minutes of the fourth.

Bucks 93, Magic 89

In Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo had his first triple-double of the season to lead Milwaukee over Orlando.

The Bucks snapped a three-game losing streak as Ante-

tokounmpo finished with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. He made all nine free throws and added five steals and three blocks.

Jabari Parker had 22 points for the Bucks and made five 3-pointers—he began the night with a total of 10.

Milwaukee beat Orlando at home for the eighth time in nine tries.

The Magic were led by Serge Ibaka's 21 points.

Spurs 96, Mavericks 91

In San Antonio, Kawhi Leonard had 24 points and nine rebounds, and San Antonio defeated Dallas for its sixth straight victory.

Dallas guard Seth Curry matched a career high with 23

points. Wesley Matthews and Harrison Barnes each had 20 in the Mavericks' sixth consecutive loss.

With the Mavericks trailing 92-91, Barnes missed a fadeaway 17-footer with 15 seconds left that Manu Ginobili rebounded. Ginobili hit a pair of free throws, and Curry missed a 3-pointer with 6 seconds remaining.

San Antonio has won six straight against Dallas and 12 in a row at home.

Dallas (2-11) is off to its worst start since 1993-1994, when the Mavericks opened 1-23 in a 13-win season.

LaMarcus Aldridge and Tony Parker were in uniform but neither played as San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich opted to rest his veterans.

Heat will retire Shaq's No. 32 jersey

MIAMI (AP)—Shaquille O'Neal's No. 32 jersey will be retired by the Miami Heat on Dec. 22, during a ceremony at halftime of the team's game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Heat announced plans to retire the number earlier this year, and finalized the date on Monday. The Lakers retired No. 34, the number O'Neal wore for them, in April 2013.

O'Neal will be the third former Heat player to receive the honor from the team, joining Alonzo Mourning and Tim Hardaway. The Heat also retired No. 23 as a tribute to Michael Jordan.

O'Neal won four NBA titles as a player, three with the Lakers and then in 2006 with Miami. The Heat acquired him in a trade with the Lakers on July 14, 2004.

Meanwhile, in Detroit, the Pistons have reached an agreement in principle with the city of Detroit and Olympia Entertainment for the team to move from the suburbs to downtown, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Monday because there had been no formal announcement. Pistons owner Tom Gores is set to appear at a news conference Tuesday with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Christopher Ilitch, president and CEO of Ilitch Holdings.

Gores acknowledged last month that the team was close to a deal to leave The Palace of Auburn Hills and start playing downtown next season. The Pistons have been in talks about playing at the new arena that is being built for the Detroit Red Wings, who are owned by Mike and Marian Ilitch. The

arena site is about 30 miles from Auburn Hills.

Olympia Entertainment, a division of Ilitch Holdings, handles business operations for the Red Wings, who are in their final season at Joe Louis Arena before moving to Little Caesars Arena.

The new arena is in the same part of downtown where the Tigers and Lions host their games, and not far from where Gores and Dan Gilbert have been hoping to put a new stadium for a Major League Soccer team.

The Pistons have played in Auburn Hills since 1988 and played at the Pontiac Silverdome for a decade prior to that. The team was downtown when it called Cobo Arena home from 1961-78.

The Palace was built with private funds by William Davidson, who owned the Pistons before his death in 2009. The team won championships in its first two seasons in Auburn Hills and again in 2004. Although the atmosphere slipped in recent years as the team went through a rough stretch on the court, Detroit returned to

the playoffs last season for the first time since 2009, and the Pistons appear headed in the right direction in Stan Van Gundy's third season as their coach and team president.

Gores bought the Pistons from Karen Davidson in 2011. He said last month that if the team did leave the Palace, it was important to remember the success the franchise had in that area.

"I think we have to be really mindful of this community in Auburn Hills and their loyalty in showing up," he said. "This has been a real community, and I want them to feel the same wherever we're playing."

Klinsmann fired as US soccer coach; Arena could return

NEW YORK (AP)—In a sign of just how much American soccer has grown up, U.S. national team coach Jurgen Klinsmann was fired after a pair of losses in the final round World Cup qualifying.

Six days after a 4-0 loss at Costa Rica dropped the Americans to 0-2, Klinsmann was terminated after nearly 5 1/2 years during a meeting Monday at a Los Angeles hotel with U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati and Secretary General Dan Flynn.

Los Angeles Galaxy coach Bruce Arena is the favorite to succeed Klinsmann, and his hiring could be announced as early as Tuesday. Arena coached the national team from 1998 to 2006.

Gone are the days when U.S. coaches were immune to the win-now mentality that permeates soccer. Qualifying resumes when the U.S. hosts Honduras on March 24 and plays four days later at Panama, and the USSF is expecting a quick turnaround.

"While we remain confident that we have quality players to help us advance to Russia 2018, the form and growth of the team up to this point left us convinced that we need to go in a different direction," Gulati said in a statement. "With the next qualifying match in late March, we have several months to refocus the group and determine the best way forward to ensure a successful journey to qualify for our eighth consecutive World Cup."

A former star forward for Germany who has lived mostly in Orange County with his American wife since his retirement as a player in 1998, Klinsmann replaced Bob Bradley in July 2011. He led the team to the 2013



In this Nov. 12, 2015, file photo, United States men's national soccer team coach Jurgen Klinsmann watches his team warm up during practice in St. Louis. Klinsmann is out as coach of the U.S. soccer team. U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati announced Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, that Klinsmann has been "relieved of his duties" as coach and technical director for U.S. Soccer. AP

CONCACAF Gold Cup title and the second round of the 2014 World Cup, where the Americans lost to Belgium in extra time.

The USSF announced in December 2013 a four-year contract extension through 2018, but the successful World Cup was followed by poor performances. The U.S. was knocked out by Jamaica in last year's Gold Cup semifinals and lost to Mexico in a playoff for a Confederations Cup berth. The team rebounded to reach this year's Copa America semifinals before losing to Argentina 4-0.

But this month Mexico beat the Americans 2-1 at Columbus, Ohio, in the first home qualifying loss for the U.S. since 2001.

And last week in Costa

Rica, the Americans were stunned by their largest margin of defeat in qualifying since 1980. They dropped to 0-2 for the first time in the hexagonal, as the final round of qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean is known.

While there is time to recover, given the top three teams qualify for the 2018 tournament in Russia and the fourth-place finisher advances to a playoff against Asia's No. 5 team, players seemed confused by Klinsmann's tactics, such as a 3-4-1-2 formation used at the start against the Mexicans.

"Today we made the difficult decision of parting ways with Jurgen Klinsmann,"

Gulati said. "There were considerable achievements along the way ... but there were also lesser publicized efforts behind the scenes. He challenged everyone in the U.S. Soccer community to think about things in new ways, and thanks to his efforts we have grown as an organization and expect there will be benefits from his work for years to come."

Gulati planned a Tuesday telephone news conference to discuss the switch. The U.S. had not changed coaches in the middle of qualifying since the USSF made the position a full-time job and hired Bob Gansler in 1989 to replace Lothar Osiander, who also at

the time was a waiter at a San Francisco restaurant.

Klinsmann made controversial decisions, such as dropping Landon Donovan from the 2014 World Cup roster while taking along relatively inexperienced players such as John Brooks, Julian Green and DeAndre Yedlin. Brooks and Green were among five German-Americans on the 23-man U.S. World Cup roster, which drew criticism from some in the American soccer community.

He went 55-27-16, including a U.S.-record 12-game winning streak and victories in exhibitions at Italy, Germany and the Netherlands. He has worked in the past year to integrate more young players into the lineup, such as teen midfield sensation Christian

Pulisic, Bobby Wood and Jordan Morris.

Arena, a 65-year-old wise-cracking Brooklynite known for blunt talk and sarcasm, was inducted into the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2010. He coached the University of Virginia from 1978-95, then coached D.C. United to titles in Major League Soccer's first two seasons before losing in the 1998 final. As U.S. coach, he led the Americans to the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals in the team's best finish since 1930.

He was let go after the team's first-round elimination in 2006. Gulati unsuccessfully courted Klinsmann, who won the 1990 World Cup with West Germany and the 1996 European Championship with Germany, then coached his nation to the 2006 World Cup semifinals.

When Gulati and Klinsmann couldn't reach an agreement, the USSF hired Bradley, who coached the team to the second round of the 2010 World Cup. A year later, the Americans stumbled in the Gold Cup, and Klinsmann replaced Bradley.

Arena coached the New York Red Bulls of MLS from July 2006 to November 2007, then was hired the following August by the Galaxy. He led the team to MLS titles in 2011, '12 and '14.



Carr lifts Raiders to come-from-behind win vs Texans



MEXICO CITY (AP)—Derek Carr woke up a struggling Oakland offense by throwing two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter as the Raiders capped a successful trip to Mexico with a 27-20 victory over the Houston Texans on Monday night.

Oakland had been held to 120 yards through three quarters with the running game going nowhere and Carr finding few open receivers downfield. But that suddenly changed in the fourth quarter to give the Raiders (8-2) their fourth straight win for the first time since 2002.

With star receiver Amari Cooper lined up in the backfield, Carr found fullback Jamize Olawale open for a 75-yard catch and run that tied Houston (6-4) at 20.

Then Oakland took ad-

vantage on two questionable spots by the officials to take over on downs at the 15 and drove 85 yards in five plays to take the lead on a 35-yard pass to Cooper.

That set off loud celebrations from the pro-Raiders crowd of 76,743 in the second regular season game ever played in Mexico. What was originally scheduled as an Oakland home game featured Raiders music during stoppages, Tommie Smith lighting the Al Davis torch in a memorable return to Mexico City nearly a half-century after his Black Power salute at the 1968 Olympics and frequent "RAI-DERS!" chants.

While the atmosphere was electric, the field was a bit slippery leading to some falls and the high elevation 7,380 feet above sea level played a

factor. The Raiders needed to use a timeout on defense at one point in the fourth to catch their breath and receiver Michael Crabtree was seen gasping for breath at one point.

The Texans were upset on two spots on the fourth-quarter drive before Oakland went ahead. On third-and-2, Lamar Miller was stopped just short of the first down even though Houston believed he got it. Coach Bill O'Brien went for it on fourth down but Akeem Hunt was stopped about an inch short on fourth down and the play stood after a replay challenge.

Houston QB Brock Osweiler had to deal with an unusual distraction during the game as a fan with a green laser frequently shined it on the Houston quarterback as he dropped back to pass in an act more fa-

miliar in soccer games played here than in NFL games. That wasn't the only soccer tradition imported for this game. Fans also used a homophobic chant on kickoffs. Mexico's soccer federation has been punished by FIFA in the past for the chant during World Cup qualifiers. Fans threw paper airplanes on the field in the third quarter with Oakland's Sean Smith taking a turn throwing one that reached the field during a break.

Carr had thrown 170 straight passes without an interception before getting picked by A.J. Bouye on a deep ball on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. It was Carr's fourth interception of the season and the first since Kansas City's Marcus Peters got one Oct. 16.

With his extra point in the second quarter, Oakland's Sebastian Janikowski scored a point in his third country, having previously done it in the United States and United Kingdom. Joe Nedney is the only other player to score in Mexico, the U.S. and the U.K. Five other players have scored in Canada, the U.K. and the U.S.: running back Steven Jackson and kickers Robbie Gould, Matt Bryant, Dan Carpenter and Jay Feely.

Meanwhile, in Oakland, Jeff Fisher thought Jared Goff handled his NFL debut splendidly.

The Los Angeles Rams coach isn't so happy with his prized rookie quarterback's teammates after another winnable game slipped away and left their playoff hopes in peril.

One week after Goff's promotion, Fisher is considering more lineup changes for the Rams (4-6) before their trip to New Orleans on Sunday. The coach cited Los Angeles' eight penalties for 70 yards as the biggest reason for a dispiriting 14-10 loss to the Miami Dolphins.

"It's those things that are hurting us, and those guys have to understand," Fisher said Monday. "So there potentially may be some different guys playing this week."

Although Aaron Donald and Alec Ogletree aren't going to lose their jobs, Fisher mentioned both of his defensive captains by name for ill-advised penalties on Miami's two touchdown drives after the LA defense excelled on the first 54 minutes.

Any lineup changes are much more likely to occur on offense, where errors also abounded.

Tainted Ramirez, Rodriguez on Hall ballot with Guerrero

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME (AP)—Steroids-tainted stars Manny Ramirez and Ivan Rodriguez are on baseball's Hall of Fame ballot for the first time along with Vladimir Guerrero.

Jeff Bagwell is the top holdover on the 2017 Baseball Writers' Association of America 34-player ballot announced Monday. He fell 15 votes short of the required 75 percent in 2016 voting.

Ramirez was suspended for 50 games in 2009 while with the Los Angeles Dodgers for using a banned female fertility drug. He retired in 2011 rather than face a 100-game suspension after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance. He applied for reinstatement that December, and his suspension for the second failed test was cut from 100 games to 50 because he sat out nearly all of the 2011 season.

Ramirez did not play in the majors again, although he did appear at Triple-A from 2012-14.

Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds, also tainted by steroids allegations, are on the ballot for the fifth time. After a change on voting eligibility rules eliminated some retired writers, Clemens rose to 45.2 percent and Bonds to 44.3 percent in last year's voting.

Players remain on the ballot for up to 10 years, provided they receive at least 5 percent of the vote. Results will be announced Jan. 18.



Manny Ramirez, center, was suspended for 50 games in 2009 while with the Los Angeles Dodgers for using a banned female fertility drug. He retired in 2011 rather than face a 100-game suspension after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

Rodriguez was never disciplined for PEDs but former Texas teammate Jose Canseco alleged in a 2005 book that he injected the catcher with steroids. Asked whether he was on the list of players who allegedly tested positive for steroids during baseball's 2003 survey, Rodriguez said in 2009: "Only God knows."

A 12-time All-Star, Ramirez helped the Boston Red Sox win World Series titles in 2004 and '07, the first for the franchise since 1918. He hit .312 with 555 home runs and 1,831 RBI in 19 big league seasons, and he was voted MVP of the 2004 Series.

Rodriguez was a 14-time

All-Star and 13-time Gold Glove catcher, and he was voted AL MVP in 1999 with Texas, his team for the first 12 of his 21 big league seasons. He batted .296 with 311 homers and 1,332 RBI, winning a World Series with the Florida Marlins in 2003 after earning MVP of the NL Championship Series.

Guerrero was a nine-time All-Star and the 2004 AL MVP with the Anaheim Angels. He hit .318 with 449 homers and 1,496 RBI in 16 big league seasons.

Also among 19 newcomers on the ballot are Casey Blake, Pat Burrell, Orlando Cabrera, Mike Cameron, J.D.

Drew, Carlos Guillen, Derrek Lee, Melvin Mora, Magglio Ordonez, Jorge Posada, Edgar Renteria, Arthur Rhodes, Freddy Sanchez, Matt Stairs, Jason Varitek and Tim Wakefield.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza were elected last year, when Bagwell appeared on 315 of 440 ballots (71.6 percent). Other holdovers include Tim Raines (69.8), Trevor Hoffman (67.3) and Curt Schilling (52.3) along with Edgar Martinez (43.4), Mike Mussina (43), Lee Smith (34.1), Fred McGriff (20.9), Jeff Kent (16.6), Larry Walker (15.5), Billy Wagner (10.5) and Sammy Sosa (7).

Scoring by quarters: 29-10, 53-27, 66-40, 106-59.

Thursday

Cavite 82 — Basa 28, Barcina 19, Ocampo 12, Renguil 7, Palacios 6, Laguindam 4, Garcia 4, Quemado 2.

Armotech 67 — Alipio 23, Berline 10, J. Malasarte 9, Tolonsa 6, Gabaldon 5, Moreno 4, Poquiz 4, B. Malasarte 2, Asuhan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-19, 41-31, 59-47, 82-67.

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early, knocking in 11 points in the first period to lift Armotech to a double-digit lead, 29-10.

Armotech never looked back as Alipio's teammates also stepped up in the remaining three quarters, while PC Bargain's leaned heavily on James Villacrusis after playing in its last match with a depleted crew.

Against Cavite, Armotech led in the first quarter, 19-13,

behind the 10 straight points of Alipio. However, Armotech failed to keep its momentum, while Cavite grabbed the lead in the second canto en route to the 15-point winning margin.

Cavite outgunned Armotech in the pivotal second period, 28-12, to establish a double-digit spread at halftime, 41-31. Preston Basa and Dan Barcina teamed up in Cavite's attack in the second quarter with the former firing three triples and scoring 11 points and the

latter adding 10.

Basa continued to make his shots from downtown to keep Cavite's safe distance and end the team's four-game losing skid.

Saturday

Armotech 106 — Alipio 33, Berline 14, J. Malasarte 14, Park 12, Montano 10, Moreno 7, Gabaldon 6, Poquiz 4, Asuhan 4.

PC Bargain 59 — Ja. Villacrusis 26, Legaspi 19, Alegre 10, Munoz 2, Santos 2.

their children to school for our practices and games," GCA 1 coach Cesar Libut said after their title conquest.

"It's about time we take it (middle school title) back after losing to SIS last year and in the three previous seasons," he added.

The Eagles were presented with the perpetual trophy after their victory yesterday, while members of the Middle School All-League Selection (one male and female from each participating schools) were also recognized at the awards ceremony.

The elite list includes GCA

1's Anna Nunez and Camacho; GCA 2's Claire Marzan and Eugene Park; SIS 1's Mauryzon Tybaco and Go Sekiguchi; SIS 2's Victoria Torres and Arm Benchakarn; Agape Christian School's Keziah Garcia and Tychicus Xu; Seventh Day Adventist's Kinna Palacios and Roy Yoon; Whispering Palms' Blake Mister and River Kramer; Saipan Community School's Teeon Camacho and Oliver Lee; Mt. Carmel School 1's Cody Foreman and Maaya Sato; and Mt. Carmel School 2's Richard Steele and Theresa Schweiger.

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close out the match, Camacho let go a thunderous spike, which dropped to an unguarded spot near the right sideline. Camacho's shot drew a loud cheer from the Eagles supporters, who obviously outnumbered the Geckos' fans. However, the celebration was premature, as SIS scored the next point. Brian Youn got a point off a tap near the net, as Pajarillaga anticipated the former would go for a strong shot so he stepped back and left his

spot in front.

Youn's score was the Geckos' last, as they failed to extend the match in the ensuing play when Jon Villagomez's overhand serve went short.

With the finals victory, GCA 1 kept its unbeaten record this season, winning all its 21 matches in the division, including an 18-game sweep in the elimination.

"The title win and our unbeaten record are products of hardwork and teamwork. The players gave their best during our practice sessions and games. This win is also for the parents, who brought

Brett Cecil, Cardinals finalize \$30.5 million, 4-year deal



ST. LOUIS (AP)—The Cardinals filled the biggest void in their bullpen Monday with Brett Cecil, the only left-handed reliever that piqued their interest on the free-agent market.

Cecil was introduced at Busch Stadium after finalizing a \$30.5 million, four-year contract. He is expected to provide help in high-leverage situations along with Kevin Siegrist and ahead of closer Seung Hwan Oh, though general manager John Mozeliak said all three are capable of finishing games.

"Brett was the one person we thought if we were going to make a splash in the bullpen, he was the one we identified," Mozeliak said. "There was a lot of demand for him and it was moving."

The four-year deal for the 30-year-old Cecil gained attention, but Mozeliak said he was comfortable with the length of the contract because of the interest he was generating.

"Our offseason plan has been to take steps to try to improve this club and certainly today we feel like we have," Mozeliak said. "I think it's a way we envision keeping a fresh bullpen."

Shoring up the bullpen became one of the Cardinals' biggest needs following injuries to Zach Duke and Tyler Lyons. Duke is

expected to miss all of next season after Tommy John surgery, while Lyons has had offseason knee surgery that leaves him questionable for the start of the regular season.

Cecil had a 3.93 ERA in 36 2/3 innings for the Blue Jays last season. He was slowed by a torn lat muscle but dominated down the stretch, tossing 3 2/3 scoreless innings in the playoffs.

"The lat issue, it was kind of an accumulating thing," Cecil said. "We tried to rest, tried to let it heal. It wasn't working. I was sidelined for six weeks. I almost had to start spring training over again in the middle of the season. It took me a little bit to get going, and there in August and toward the end of the season and in the playoffs, I was beginning to feel like my old self again."

Cecil, who had a 2.90 ERA in four years as a full-time reliever in Toronto, was testing free agency for the first time. He said that he left most of the negotiations up to his agent, but he was happy that a deal got done relatively early in the process.

"I honestly didn't know when it was going to happen," he said. "I do like to get these types of things over and done with as quickly as possible. That way I can get my focus more toward the offseason, to come to spring training ready to go."

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got his first right in the second minute and the next two in the eighth and 10th. His three other goals were also recorded in succession with his fourth posted in the 24th minute and the last two in the 46th and 52nd.

Four other MP United players scored against Kanoa. Joshua Abragan made it to the board in the 16th minute, while Go Sekiguchi found his target in the 59th. Christopher Aninzo and James Kim logged their goals in the 69th and 71st minute, respectively.

With MP United shutting down Kanoa, the latter failed to get a win this season as it fell to a 0-1-7 card. MP United, with its additional 10 goals, brought its total to 26 and gave up only 6.

TanHoldings had the most goals in the regular season with 36 and matched MP United in the least goals yielded.

Joshua Galarion added three, while Mareko Tekopua chipped in two to TanHoldings' output after their rout of Paire (1-1-6). Mark Esalan, Louie Calayag, Albert Bergancia, Alan Hinson, Ryan Relucio, and Jonathan Capayas contributed one each.

Meanwhile, in the girls U15 division, Kanoa finished second behind Shirley's FC (6-1-1) after downing Matansa, 4-1, in a make-up game last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Kanoa wrapped up the regular season with a 6-0-2 record, while Matansa had a third-best 4-1-3 card. MP United (3-0-5) and TanHoldings (0-0-8) completed the field.

Britanny Wally closed out strong for Kanoa, as she recorded a hat trick in their last game this season. Paulyn Grace Joyce posted the other goal for Kanoa, while Matansa avoided a shutdown, thanks to Angelica Sally's shot in the first half.

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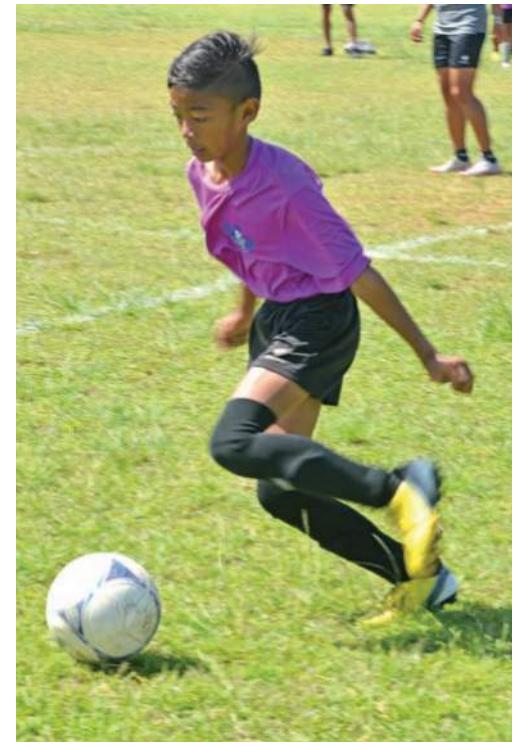
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William S. Reyes Elementary School, left, and Team Private Schools players exchange high-fives after their title game in the 2016 National Elite Academy Cup held last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Team Private Schools' Casey Chambers catches the ball.



A William S. Reyes Elementary School player has possession after dribbling past his defenders.



A Team Private Schools player gets ready to kick the ball.



William S. Reyes Elementary School players and their coach celebrate after beating Team Private Schools.



A William S. Reyes Elementary School player, left, dribbles and is closely watched by a Team Private Schools defender and goalie Casey Chambers.



Tadaomi Yasuda, who coached William S. Reyes Elementary School, gives his players high-fives.



Participating teams in the 2016 National Elite Academy Cup gather at the pitch to wait for the handing of the individual and team awards.



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Eagles soar to v-ball title

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Grace Christian Academy 1 ended its four-year title drought after sweeping Saipan International School 1 in the finals of the middle school division of the 2016-2017 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League yesterday at the Eagles court on Navy Hill.

The Eagles, who gained their last middle school crown during the 2011-2012 season, won the one-game title match, 25-12, 25-7, avenging their loss to the Geckos in last year's finale.

Again, the trio of Joshua Pajarillaga, Duane Torres, and Sebastian Camacho, made it easier for GCA 1 to dethrone SIS 1. Pajarillaga was steady with his game, setting up Torres and Camacho and intimidating SIS players going near the net.

The three GCA 1 players used their ceiling advantage against the much smaller frontliners of the Geckos to get numerous points off spikes.

After winning by 13 in the first set, the Eagles kept their momentum in the second. They built a 3-0 advantage in the early goings of the second and SIS 1 coach Mili Saiki was pressed to sued for time, hoping to stop GCA 1's surge.

However, the Eagles continued to pile up points with Camacho serving and the eventual champions even stretched their lead to 10-0 off Camacho's ace. A strong return from GCA 1



finally put SIS 1 on the board, but the Eagles still won the next exchange to pull away further, 15-3. Torres' spike gave GCA 1 its 15th point and the Geckos were again forced to call a timeout, hoping to stop the bleeding.

However, the Eagles were still on target and outscored SIS 1 anew, 6-2, for a big 21-6 lead.

A spike from Ji Min Woo, who came in for Torres, moved GCA 1 within three points away from clinching the division championship. SIS 1 then tried to give the Eagles a dose of their own medicine, but Go Sekiguchi's spike went out to the sideline.

Now needing only two points to

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Grace Christian Academy 1's Katriel Saures sets up Sebastian Camacho, not in the photo, while her teammate looks on during the second set of their title game against Saipan International School 1 in the middle school division of the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the GCA court on Navy Hill.



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Armatech/MDX's Hae Jun Park is surrounded by three PC Bargain/Visminda defenders during the fourth quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Armatech, Cavite boost playoff bids

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Cavite and Armatech/MDX remained in playoff contention in the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organization Basketball League after notching victories last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Cavite downed Armatech, 82-67, in last Thursday's second game, while the latter bounced back quickly with a 106-59 triumph over PC Bargain/Visminda last Saturday, 106-59. Armatech improved its record to 3-4 with one game left in the regular season, while Cavite finished the round-robin contest with a 3-5 mark.

Armatech and Cavite, along with Save More/MIFICPA (3-4) will battle for the two remaining playoff berths. Six of the nine teams in the league will advance to the playoffs with Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani (8-0)



and Best Sunshine International-Blue Eagle (7-1) already securing the two outright semis berths. 8th Division/MAFEA (4-3), Stephen's Pawnshop/NMBA (4-3) are also assured of spots to the next round, while Maplas/Akap Pinoy (1-7) and PC Bargain (1-7) are already eliminated.

Save More and Armatech will meet in a crucial game on Tuesday at 8pm, while the other match in the last day of the regular season will have 8th Division facing Stephen's Pawnshop at 6:30pm. The

winner of the first match will move into the playoffs, while the loser will tie Cavite for the sixth and last qualifying spot. League organizers have yet to announce the rules on the tiebreaker.

Jun Alipio Jr. towed Armatech to the lopsided win over PC Bargain after scoring 33 points. He sizzled

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TanHoldings vs MP United in rubber for division crown



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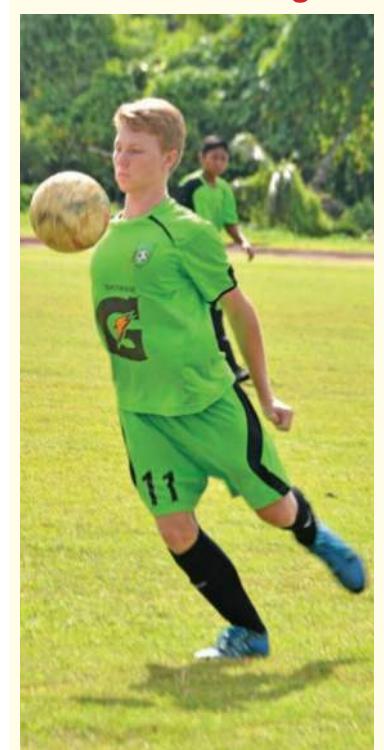
TanHoldings Football Club and MP United won their last game in the regular season of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League to force a playoff match for the boys U17 division championship.

MP United whipped Kanoa, 10-0, in a make-up game last Wednesday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, while TanHoldings had a similar lopsided victory against Paire, 11-0, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. With their wins, MP United and TanHoldings ended the double-robin robin competition with identical 6-1-1 win-draw-loss records.

A playoff game is set for today at 4pm at the Oleai pitch to decide the winner of the division title with MP United hoping for back-to-back championship after bagging the spring crown this year.

MP United, whose lone loss this season came in the first round against TanHoldings, drew six goals from Sun Joon Tenorio to ease past Kanoa. Tenorio earned a hat trick early in the match as he

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TanHoldings Football Club's Jonah Pohl uses his body to deflect the ball during an earlier boys U17 division game against Kanoa FC in the NMIFA youth league at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.